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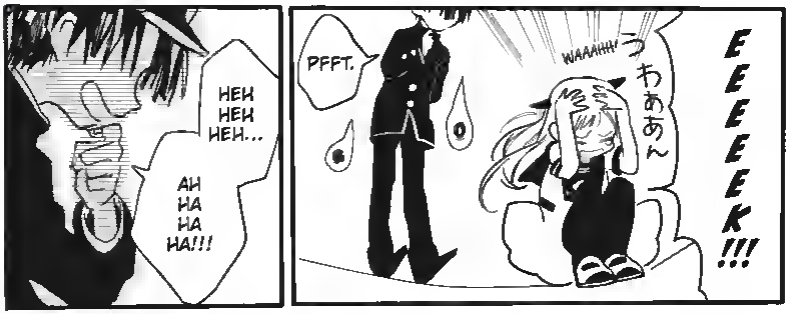
THIS SCHOOL HAS SEVEN MYSTERIES.
HEY, DID YOU KNOW?
...SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN.
ONE
TWO
THREE
FOUR
FIVE
SIX
SEVEN
THEY SAY THAT IF YOU FIND THE TRUE STORY BEHIND EACH OF THEM...
YOU DON'T KNOW ANY OF THEM?
OKAY, I'LL TELL YOU JUST ONE. THE MOST FAMOUS STORY.
No. 7 OF THE SEVEN MYSTERIES—
HANAKO-SAN OF THE TOILET.
SPOOK!
HANAKO-SAN OF THE TOILET

TO SUMMON THE GHOST, YOU KNOCK THREE TIMES...
KNOCK
コン
KNOCK
コン
コン
...AND THEN—
KNOCK
SHE WILL GRANT ONE WISH TO ANYONE WHO SUMMONS HER SPIRIT.
BUT IN EXCHANGE, THAT PERSON WILL HAVE TO GIVE UP SOMETHING PRECIOUS.
...YOU'LL FIND HANAKO-SAN.
IN THE THIRD STALL FROM THE END OF THE GIRLS' BATHROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE OLD BUILDING...
女子便所
SIGN: GIRLS' TOILET
ゴク
GULP
HANAKO-SAN, HANAKO-SAN.
ARE YOU THERE?
キィ
CREAK

OVER HERE.
EEP!
CREEEEEAK
YESSS! I'M! HEEERE!
HUSH
ぽん
PAT
OH GOOD, I JUST IMAGINED IT.
WHEW!

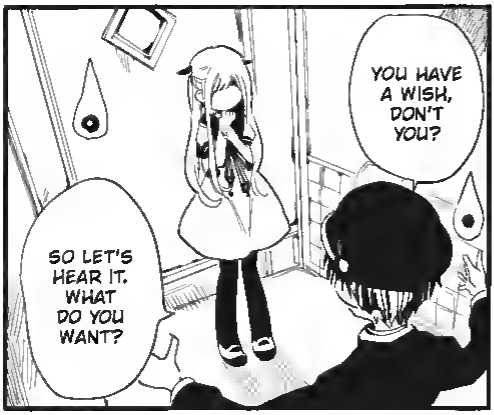
E—
FWOOSHHH
めっお
封
SEAL
WHAP
ばっ
NOOO ...!


HEH HEH HEH...
AH HA HA HA!!!
PFFT.
WAAAHH!
うわぁあん
EEEEEEK!!!

ARE YOU OKAY?
ばち★
GAPE
SFX. TIMID TIMID
おどおど
THAT'S... A BOY'S VOICE?

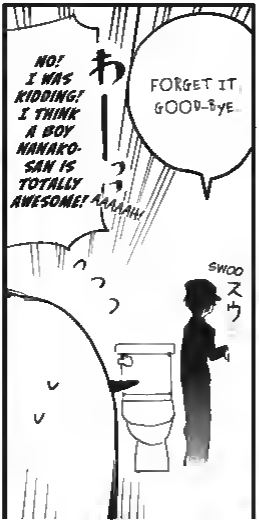
Y-YOU'RE...
A REALLY OLD UNI-FORM.
A SEE-THROUGH BODY.
GHOSTLY ORBS.
RETREAT
AGH !!!
WHAM
I'M A SUPERNATURAL.
封
SEAL
No. 7 OF THE SCHOOL'S SEVEN MYSTERIES.
"HANAKO-SAN OF THE TOILET."
NICE TO MEET YOU.
YOU'RE HANAKO-SAN!?
N.....

SUPER-NATURAL PHENOMENA FOLLOW TRENDS!?
YOU CAN CALL ME HANAKO-KUN IF YOU WANT.
THAT STUFF'S JUST NOT IN STYLE ANYMORE.
WHERE'S YOUR BOB HAIRCUT? AND YOUR RED SKIRT?
AND YOU'RE A BOY.
NO WAY!


YOU HAVE A WISH, DON'T YOU?
SO LET'S HEAR IT. WHAT DO YOU WANT?

YES, I AM A BOY.
BUT OTHER THAN MY GENDER, ALL THE RUMORS YOU HEARD WERE TRUE.
FOR THE RIGHT PRICE, I WILL GRANT THE WISH OF WHOEVER SUMMONS ME.

AWE-SOME...


NO! I WAS KIDDING! I THINK A BOY HANAKO-SAN IS TOTALLY AWESOME!
わ
AAAAAH!
FORGET IT GOOD-BYE
SWOO
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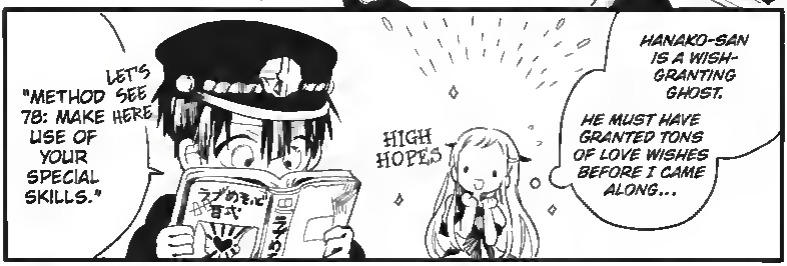
...YOU'RE NOT JUST SOME PERVY CREEPER GHOST?
...AND YOU'RE SURE...

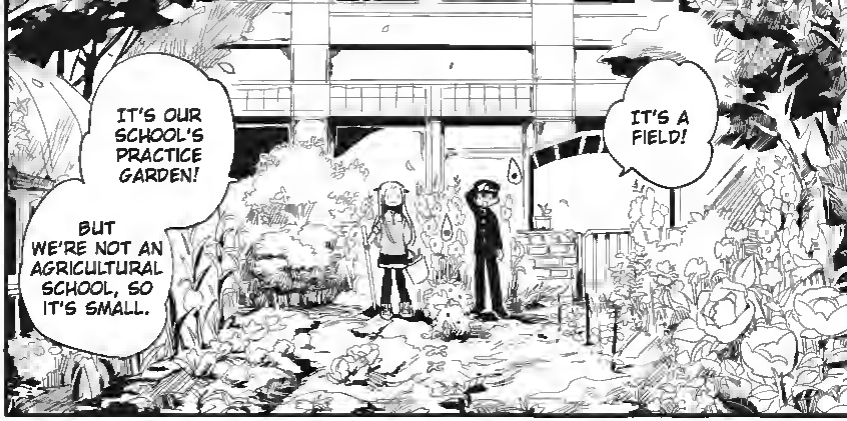
OKAY, TELL ME YOUR NAME AND WISH!
I'M READY!
YES, SIR!
NENE YASHIRO, FROM CLASS 1-A OF THE HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION!
I WANT MY CRUSH TO FALL IN LOVE WITH ME IMMEDIATELY!
HE'S SURPRISINGLY SHALLOW.
YASHIRO. GOT IT.
AND YOUR WISH IS ROMANTIC FULFILLMENT...
AND THE OTHER PARTY'S NAME?
MINAMOTO-SENPAI. HE'S A SECOND-YEAR!
HE'S HANDSOME, SMART...
...AND HE'S NICE TO EVERYONE. HE'S JUST AMAZING.
HE'S THE PRINCE OF THE WHOLE SCHOOL!
I SEE...
STAAARE
YASHIRO ROMANCE

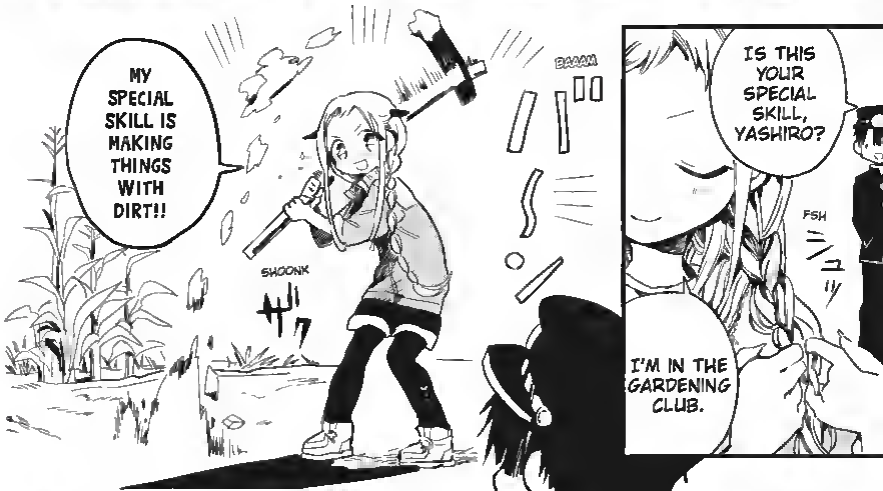
INCREDIBLE!?
I SURE DO. I HAVE SOMETHING INCREDIBLE.
DO YOU HAVE, LIKE, SPECIAL MAGICAL ITEMS OR SOMETHING?
SO HOW DO YOU GRANT WISHES, HANAKO-SAN?
GRANTED
BEEEAM
I'LL GRANT YOUR WISH.
GOT IT.
YAY!
NOW, NOW.
...
HERE.
HOW-TO BOOK
GRUMBLE
...WHAT IF I WANT THOSE POWERS ANYWAY?
BUT...
IF YOU WANT POWERS BEYOND HUMAN UNDERSTANDING, THE PRICE IS GOING TO BE THAT MUCH GREATER.
SO WE USE THIS, WHICH IS MUCH SAFER.
I THINK YOU ALREADY KNOW THIS...
...BUT WHEN YOU SEEK HELP FROM A SUPERNATURAL BEING LIKE ME, YOU HAVE TO PAY A SUITABLE PRICE.

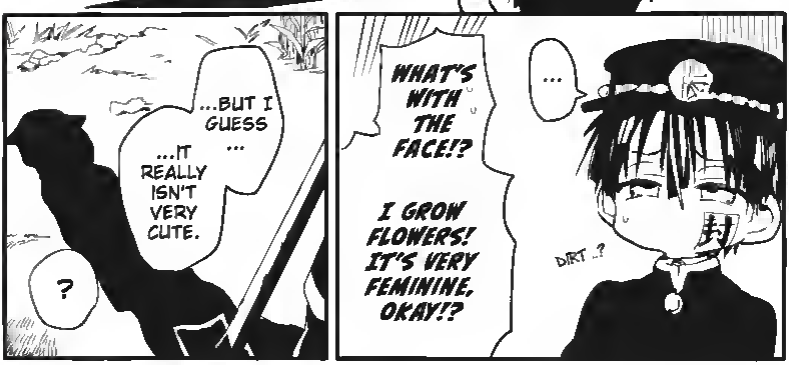
IS THIS REALLY GOING TO WORK...?
WHAAAT !?
...I DON'T HAVE ANY MAGIC ITEMS, SORRY.
WELL, THEN...


LET'S SEE "METHOD 78: MAKE USE OF YOUR SPECIAL SKILLS."
HIGH HOPES
HANAKO-SAN IS A WISH-GRANTING GHOST.
HE MUST HAVE GRANTED TONS OF LOVE WISHES BEFORE I CAME ALONG...

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL SKILLS, YASHIRO?


IT'S A FIELD!
IT'S OUR SCHOOL'S PRACTICE GARDEN!
BUT WE'RE NOT AN AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL, SO IT'S SMALL.


MY SPECIAL SKILL IS MAKING THINGS WITH DIRT!!
BAAAM
SHOONK
IS THIS YOUR SPECIAL SKILL, YASHIRO?
FSH
I'M IN THE GARDENING CLUB.


...BUT I GUESS ...
...IT REALLY ISN'T VERY CUTE.
?
WHAT'S WITH THE FACE!?
I GROW FLOWERS! IT'S VERY FEMININE, OKAY!?
...
DIRT ..?

I TOOK UP COOKING AND SEWING TOO.
I STARTED GARDENING ... ...BECAUSE A BOY I USED TO HAVE A CRUSH ON SAID HE LIKED FEMININE GIRLS.
I DECIDED I'D TELL HIM HOW I FELT ABOUT HIM AFTER I'D MASTERED ALL THREE.
HOW LONG DID YOU LIKE THIS BOY?
FROM THE MOMENT I GOT INTO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION.
I CONFESSED MY LOVE ONE MONTH AGO.
BOOK: FIELD & GARDENING
IT TOOK ME THREE YEARS.
BUT...

WHO ARE YOU?
GROSS.
ガーン
SHOCK
HUH? YOU LOVE ME?
CLENCH
CHUNKY RADISH LEGS...
SHOCK
I MEAN, LOOK AT THOSE CHUNKY RADISH LEGS.
BESIDES YOU'RE SO NOT MY TYPE.

I MEAN, I'M ALL ABOUT MINAMOTO-SENPAI NOW.
...AND I'M GOING TO MAKE THAT JERK SEE WHAT HE'S MISSING! DATE AN AMAZING GUY LIKE SENPAI...
IT DOES BOTHER YOU, DOESN'T IT?
IT DOES NOT !!!
WAAAH!
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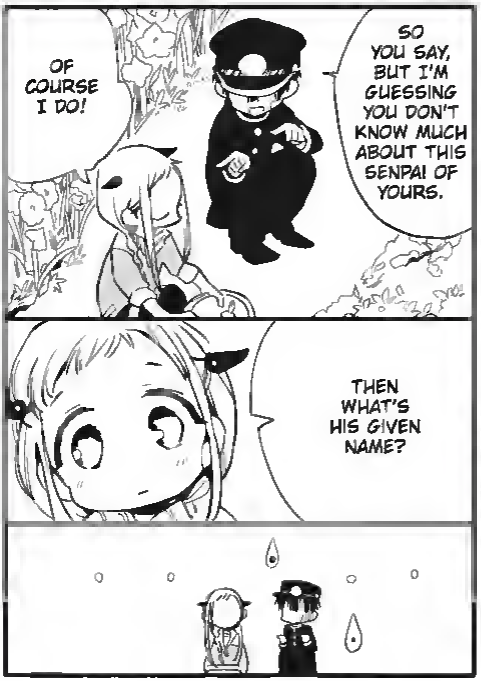
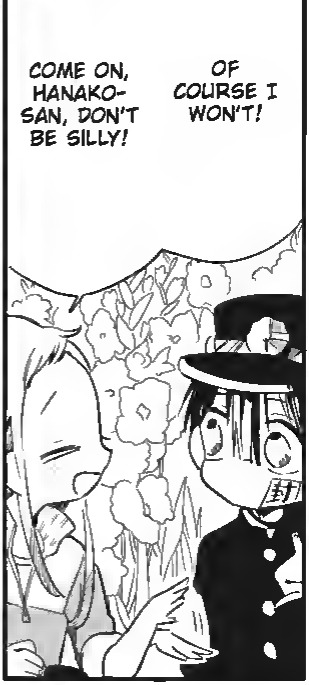
BUT THAT WAS A WHOLE MONTH AGO!!
IT TOTALLY DOESN'T BOTHER ME ANYMORE!!
HMM...SO IN OTHER WORDS...
YOU'LL TAKE ANYONE, HUH?
O...


OF COURSE I DO!
SO YOU SAY, BUT I'M GUESSING YOU DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THIS SENPAI OF YOURS.
THEN WHAT'S HIS GIVEN NAME?


COME ON, HANAKO-SAN, DON'T BE SILLY!
OF COURSE I WON'T!

YASHIRO...
HEY, THERE'S A BUG.
I'LL KEEP IT TO FEED TO THE KOI.
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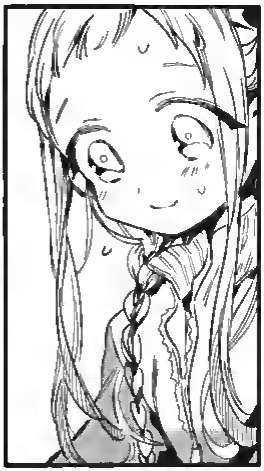
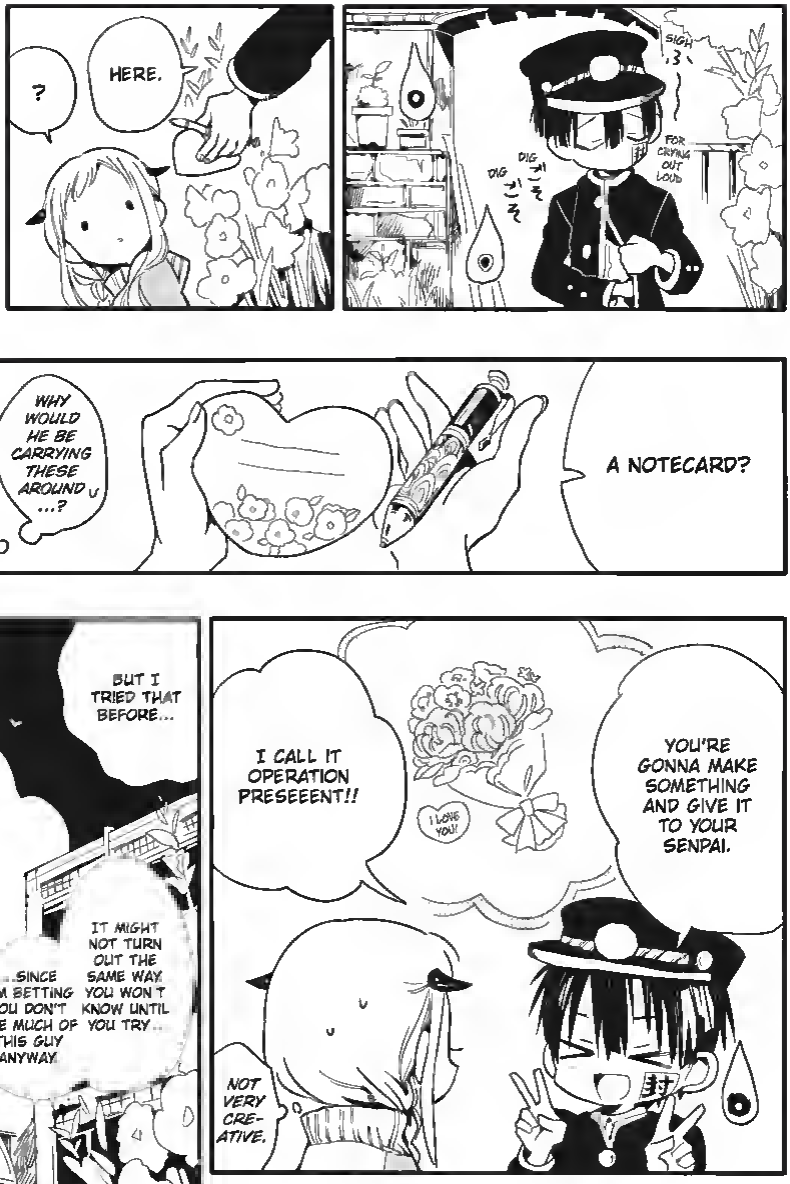
YOINK



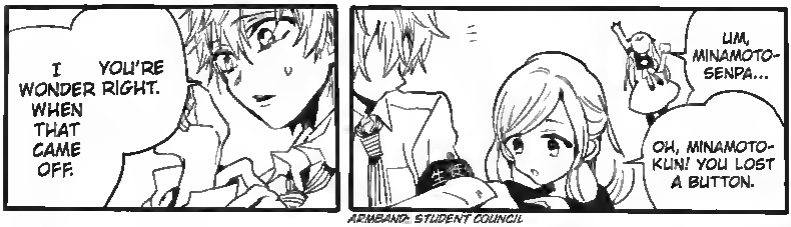

?
HERE.
SIGH
FOR CRYING OUT LOUD
DIG
DIG
DIG
WHY WOULD HE BE CARRYING THESE AROUND ...?
A NOTECARD?
I CALL IT OPERATION PRESEEENT!!
I LOVE YOU!
YOU'RE GONNA MAKE SOMETHING AND GIVE IT TO YOUR SENPAI.
NOT VERY CRE-ATIVE.
BUT I TRIED THAT BEFORE...
IT MIGHT NOT TURN OUT THE SAME WAY YOU WON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU TRY..
..SINCE I'M BETTING YOU DON'T SEE MUCH OF THIS GUY ANYWAY.

YOU DO HAVE A SKILL, SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL USE IT, RIGHT?
YOU WORKED REALLY HARD TO GET TO THIS POINT.
HANAKO-SAN ..
CLENCH
<!!

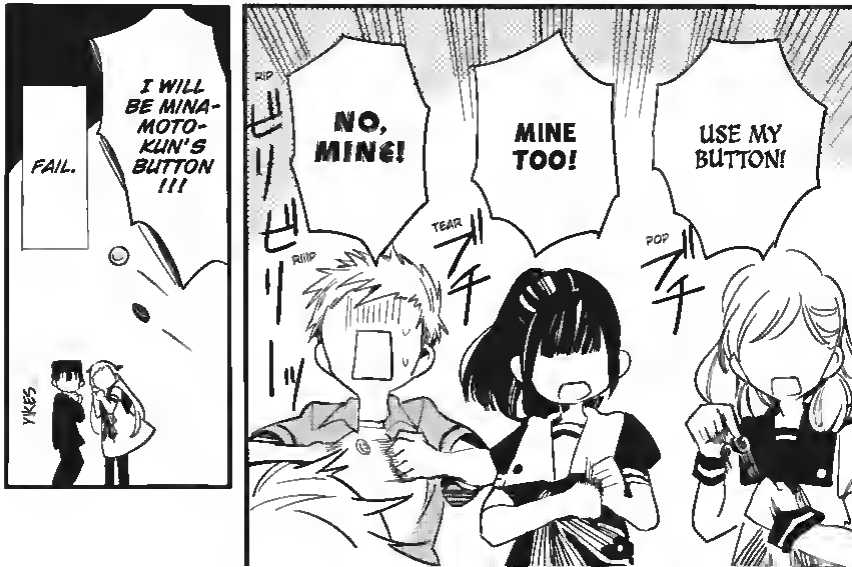
BUT I FEEL LIKE IT MAY BE A LITTLE TOO SUDDEN TO CONFESS MY LOVE, SO...
OKAY! I'LL DO MY BEST!
NICE!
CLAP CLAP
...MAYBE I'LL JUST THANK HIM FOR PICKING UP MY PENCIL BOX.
YOU DROPPED YOUR PENCIL BOX.
OOH, LET'S SEE
THAT.
SO WHAT ARE YOU MAKING FOR HIM, YASHIRO?
HUH...
...OH WELL.
THE NEXT DAY
AAAH!
GOOD MORNING
EEEE!

ON YOUR DESK...
YEAH, IT'S CREEPY. LOOK!
MORNIN'.
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
MURMUR MURMUR
MINAMOTO!
SUMMER VEGETABLES!!!
BAM
THANK YOU FOR THE OTHER DAY
CUCUMBER KYU-RI
TOMATO
HUH?
NO...
DID YOU HELP A FOX OR SOMETHING?

IT'S TURNED INTO AN UNSOLVED MYSTERY...
I THINK THAT WAS PRETTY GOOD ACTUALLY. IT HAD THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE.
THIS IS NOT "GOOD"!
FROM THE SECOND HE THOUGHT I WAS REPAYING A KINDNESS, IT WASN'T GOOD!!
I MEAN, I KNOW I SAID THANK YOU IN MY MESSAGE, BUT...
WHISPER
A RADISH'S THANK-YOU GIFT
WAAAH !!
THANK YOU!
WHAP WHAP
WAAAAAAH !!!
AH HA HA!
THAT GIRL'S BEEN TALKING TO HERSELF...
MURMUR
MURMUR
LET'S CHANGE GEARS!
YEEEAH!
...SO I PUMPED MYSELF UP, BUT...
HFF!
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE.. I'M QUITTING GARDENING ...
NOW, NOW, LET'S NOT BE HASTY.
YOU HAVE OTHER SKILLS.



ARMBAND: STUDENT COUNCIL



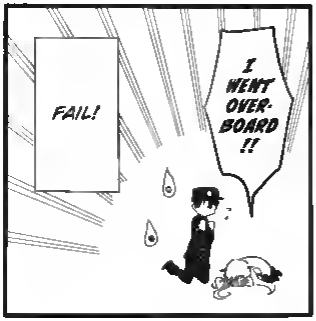
SIZZLE
ジュワ～
トントントン
CHOP
CHOP
CHOP
CHOP

AND IT WOULD BE BORING TO MAKE AN ORDINARY LUNCH, SO LET'S DO A CHARACTER BENTO.
HUM-HUM, HUM-HUM.
HERO'S RECIPE

USE THOSE SUMMER VEGETABLES TO MAKE HIM LUNCH.
BENTO RECIPES
OPERATION LUNCHBOX

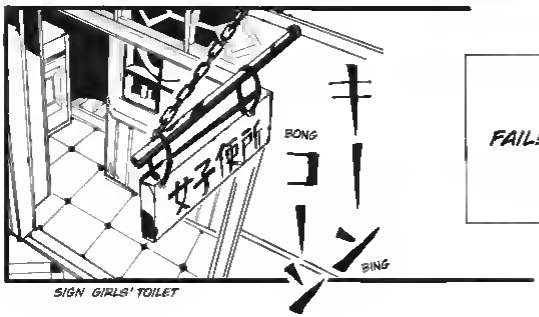
オオオオ…
GROOOOAN
はか
KUSOP
オオオオ…
MOOOOAN

YOU LUCKY DOG.
OH! IS THAT FROM A GIRL?
WHISTLE

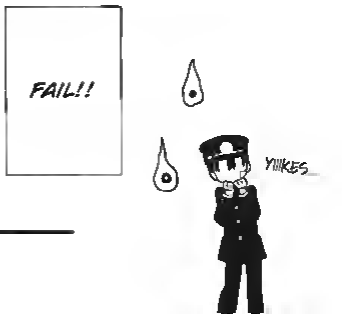

FAIL!
I WENT OVER-BOARD !!
SPLASH

I THINK SOMEONE DROPPED IT.
I'LL TAKE IT TO THE LOST AND FOUND.

BOOK: METHODS OF LOVE—HUNDRED STRATEGIES



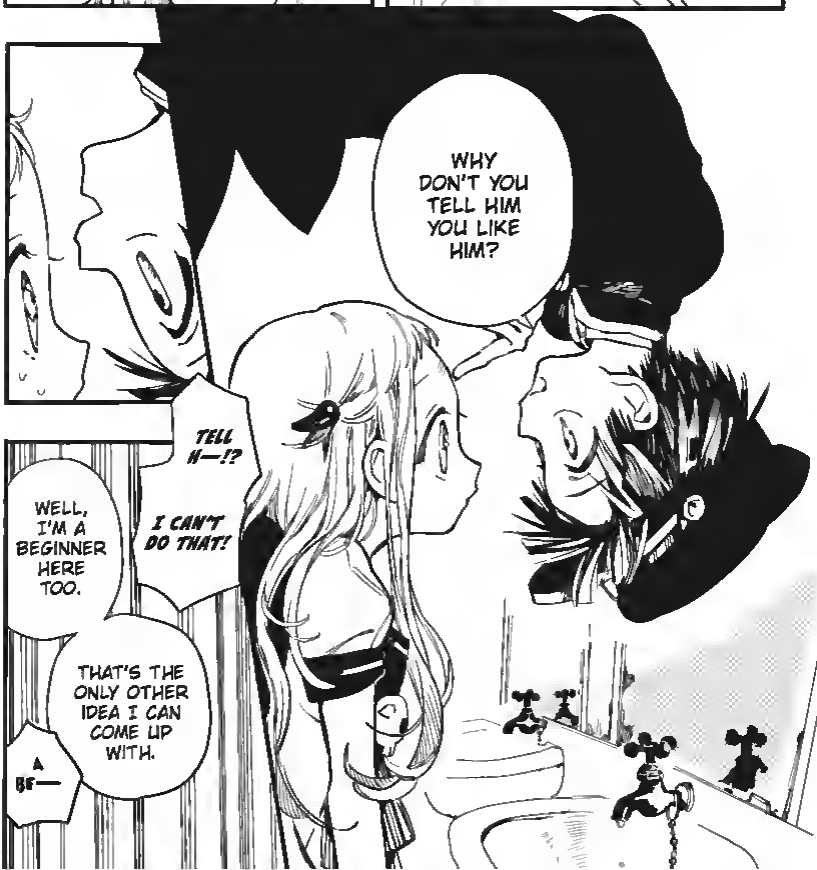
SIGN: GIRLS' TOILET

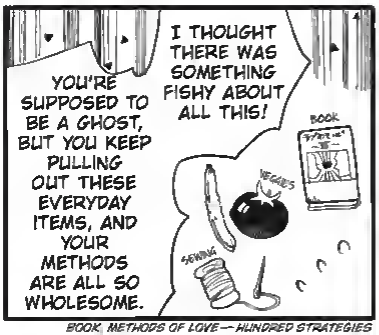


DON'T "EH HEH HEH" ME!
EH HEH HEH.

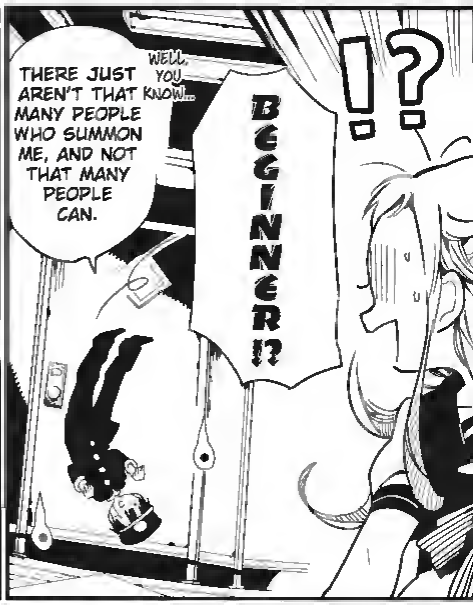
THROB
THROB
UUUUUGH, THIS IS SO HOPELESS!
AND THAT LAST ONE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH MY SKILLS...

HMM. OKAY THEN.
BESIDES, I REALLY THINK WE'RE BEING WAY TOO INDIRECT.
THERE MUST BE A FASTER WAY...


WHY DON'T YOU TELL HIM YOU LIKE HIM?
TELL H—!?
I CAN'T DO THAT!
WELL, I'M A BEGINNER HERE TOO.
THAT'S THE ONLY OTHER IDEA I CAN COME UP WITH.
A BF—


YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A GHOST, BUT YOU KEEP PULLING OUT THESE EVERYDAY ITEMS, AND YOUR METHODS ARE ALL SO WHOLESOME.
I THOUGHT THERE WAS SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT ALL THIS!
BOOK
SCISSORS
SEWING

BOOK, METHODS OF LOVE — HUNDRED STRATEGIES



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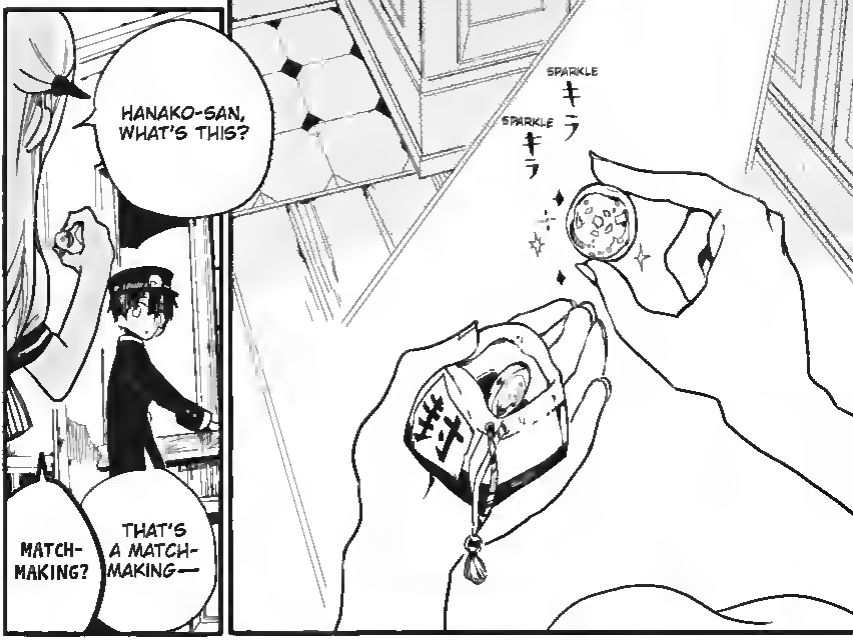
WHAT IS IT?
A KOKESHI DOLL.
AND ?
BLANK
テン…
HERE.
IT'S KINDA SUGGESTIVE.
HNGH !!
FLING
HAAH.
I REALLY THOUGHT MY WISH WOULD COME TRUE...
?
DID HANAKO-SAN DROP THIS?


HANAKO-SAN, WHAT'S THIS?
SPARKLE キラ
SPARKLE キラ
MATCH-MAKING?
THAT'S A MATCH-MAKING—

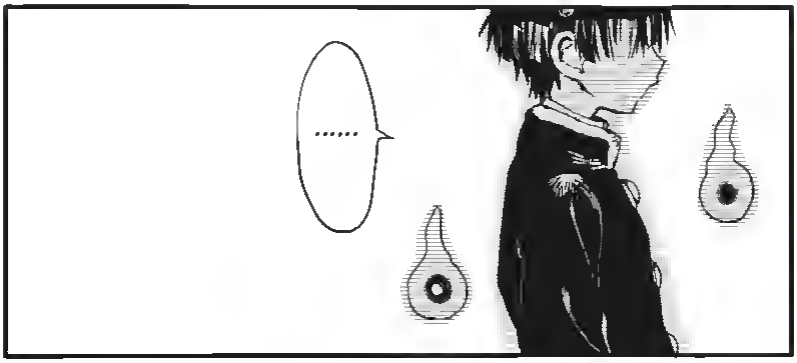
AH...
GIVE IT BACK...
JOLT
NO, YASHIRO, NOT THAT!
GASP

AAAAAH!!!
MM MRR MRRM MM MRRRM!! (TELL ME HOW IT WORKS!!)
OKAY, OKAY!!

THOSE ARE MERMAID SCALES.
IF TWO PEOPLE SWALLOW SCALES FROM THE SAME MERMAID...
...THEY WILL BE PLACED UNDER A DREADFUL CURSE...

SWALLOW
ごっくん
...BUT TIED TOGETHER BY AN EXTREMELY POWERFUL BOND.
YASHIRO-OOOOO!!!

IF IT MEANS MINAMOTO-SENPAI AND I CAN BE A COUPLE, THEN I DON'T CARE IF I'M CURSED!
UGH!
YOU DID HAVE A MAGIC ITEM!
I DON'T CARE.
HUH?
I TOLD YOU NOT TO SWALLOW IT... I TOLD YOU YOU'D BE CURSED...
PANIC
PANIC
...GH!
YOU'RE A LIAR, HANAKO-SAN!!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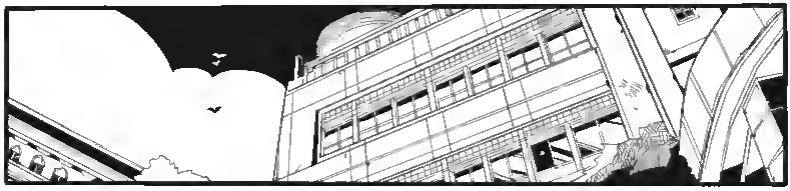

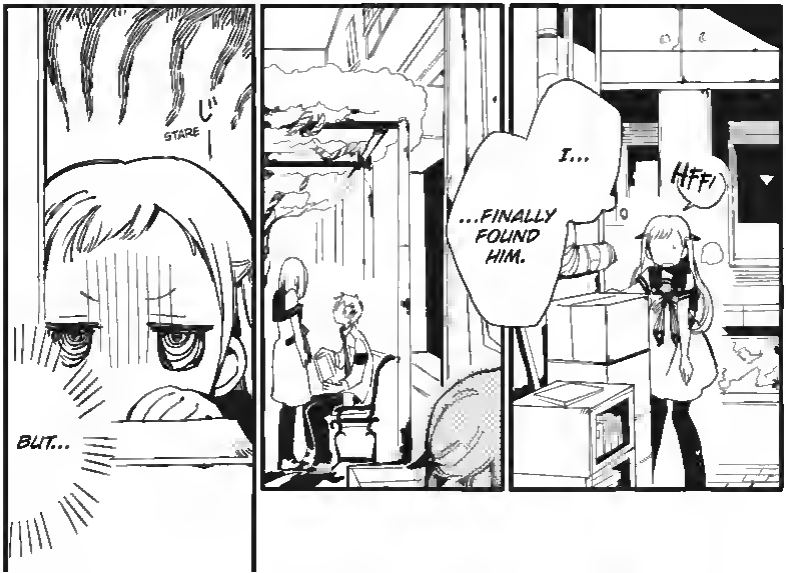
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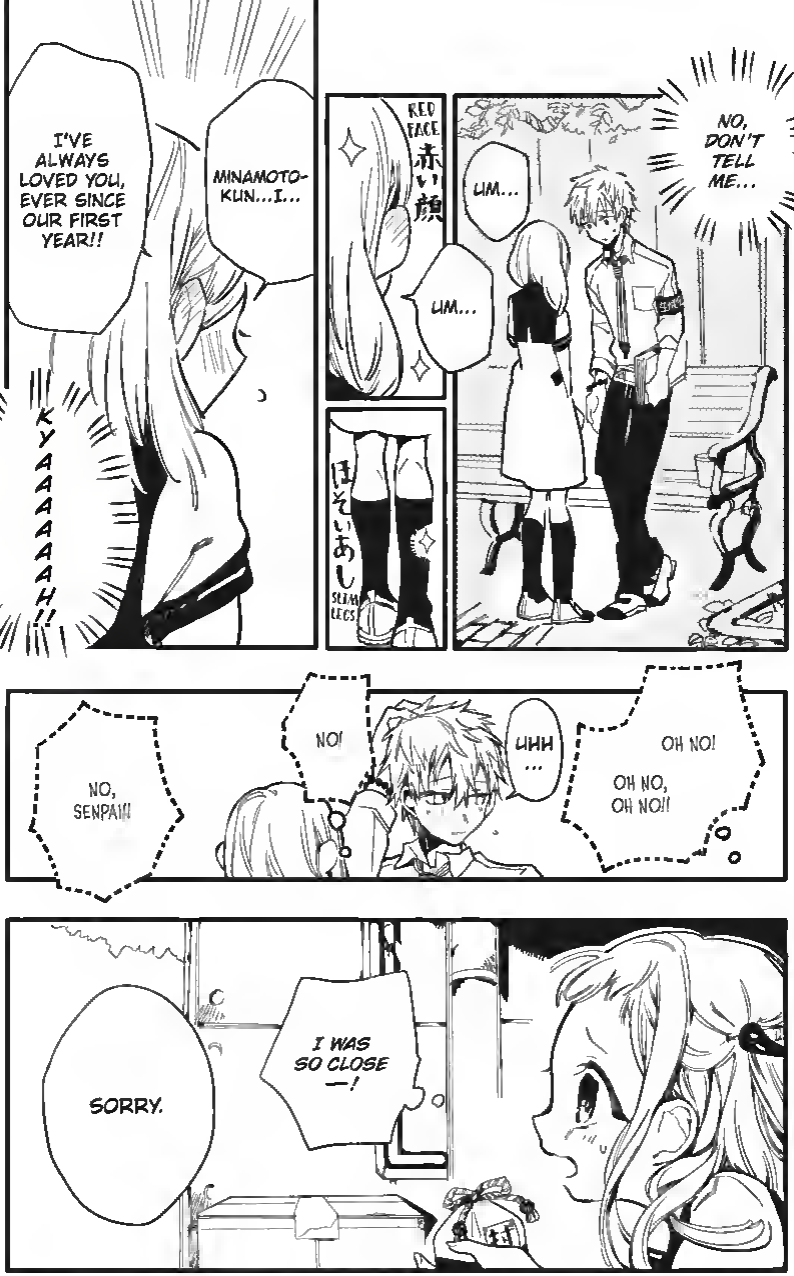
STARE
BUT...
...FINALLY FOUND HIM.
I...
HFF!


NO, DON'T TELL ME...
UM...
UM...
RED FACE
赤い顔
SUKI LEGS
すきあし
MINAMOTO-KUN...I...
I'VE ALWAYS LOVED YOU, EVER SINCE OUR FIRST YEAR!!
KYAAAAAAAH!!
NO, SENPAI!!
NO!
UHH...
OH NO!
OH NO, OH NO!!
SORRY.
I WAS SO CLOSE —!

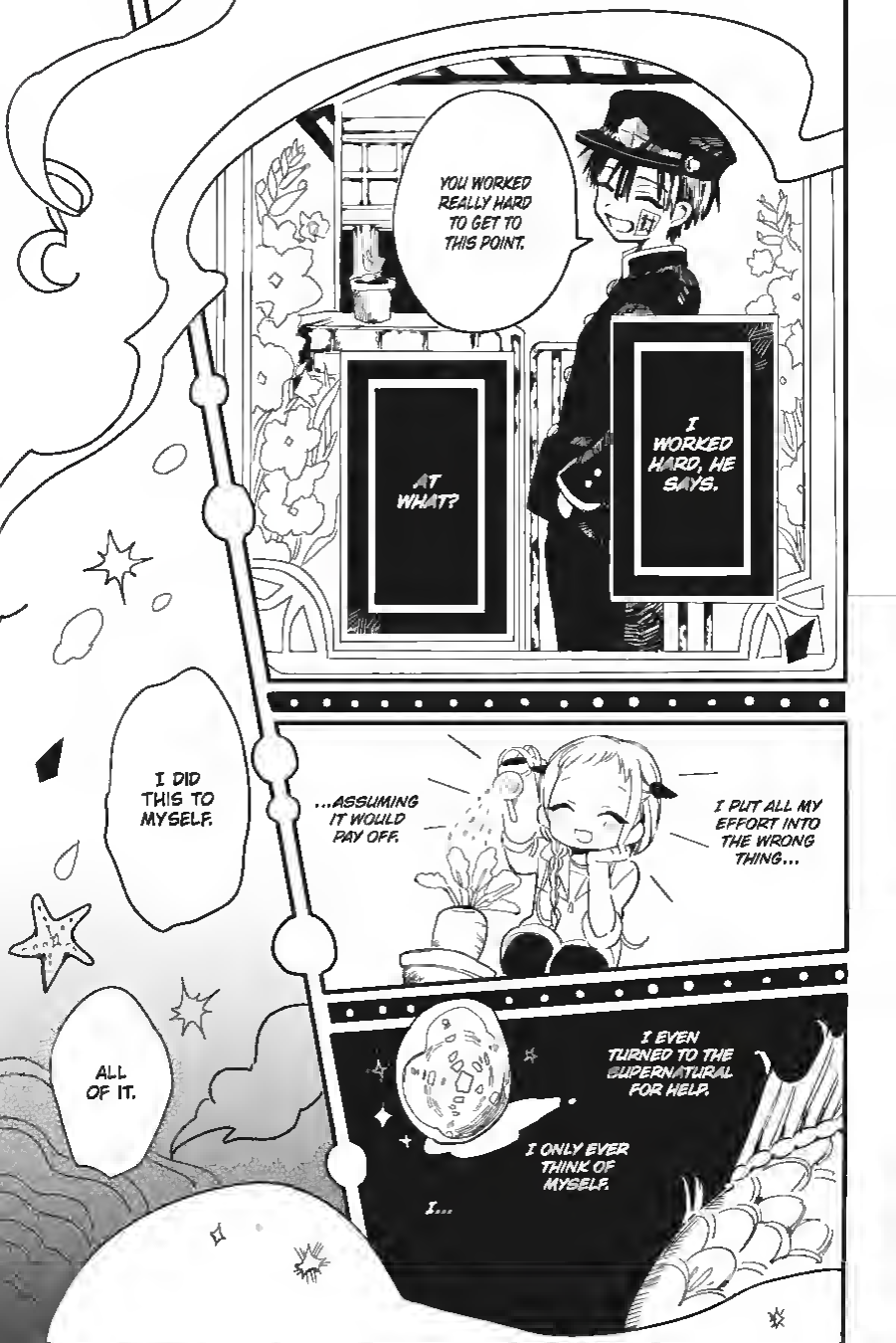
I'M IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE ELSE.
I HAVE BEEN FOR A LONG TIME.
AND I JUST... CAN'T BE WITH ANYONE ELSE...
SO I'M SORRY.
SENPAI IS...
...IN LOVE WITH SOME-ONE...

BUT IF I HAVE THIS...
...THEN IT WON'T MATTER ...

YOU'LL TAKE ANYONE, HUH?
THAT'S NOT...
SNAP
CLENCH
とりえつかい注意
DO NOT TOUCH
DRAGGED
SNAP
HUH?

WHAT?
WHAT IS THIS?
WHOOSH
UGH ...!
WHY?

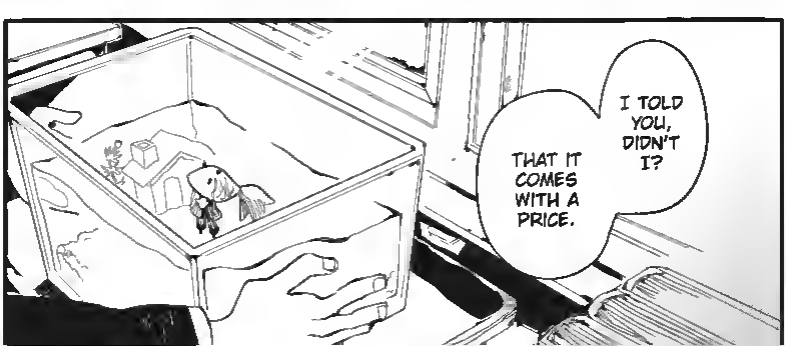
I...
I WORKED SO HARD...
WHY?
...NO, I DIDN'T.
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING TO ME?
I'VE HARDLY EVEN TALKED TO HIM.
I DIDN'T EVEN TRY TO GET HIM TO LEARN MY NAME.


YOU WORKED REALLY HARD TO GET TO THIS POINT.
I WORKED HARD, HE SAYS.
AT WHAT?
I PUT ALL MY EFFORT INTO THE WRONG THING...
...ASSUMING IT WOULD PAY OFF.
I EVEN TURNED TO THE SUPERNATURAL FOR HELP.
I ONLY EVER THINK OF MYSELF.
I...
I DID THIS TO MYSELF.
ALL OF IT.

GLUB
ゴポ…
FOUND YOU!
…WATER?
IS THIS…
I GOT EVERYTHING YOU NEED, YASHIRO.
I HOPE YOU LIKE IT.
WHAT IS THIS?
WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?
I CAN BREATHE… HANAKO-SAN?
SPLISH
SPLISH
GLUB
BOY, THAT WAS CLOSE.
ANY LONGER, AND YOU WOULD HAVE DRIED OUT COMPLETELY.
GLUB

TA-DAAAH!
WHAAAAT!!?

I DO NOT!
YAY, SHE LIKES IT!
WHY AM I A FISH!?


I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I?
THAT IT COMES WITH A PRICE.

YOU HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER THE MERMAID'S CURSE.
AND THAT'S WHY I'M A FISH?
BECAUSE FISH ARE SERVANTS OF THE MERMAIDS.
IF YOU'D GOTTEN SOMEONE TO SWALLOW THE OTHER SCALE, THE CURSE WOULD'VE BEEN SPLIT BETWEEN YOU TWO, AND IT WOULDN'T BE AS STRONG.
SO YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE TURNED ALL THE WAY INTO A FISH.
ALL A MERMAID SCALE DOES IS CURSE WHOEVER PUTS IT IN THEIR MOUTH.
BUT SINCE PEOPLE WHO ARE PUT UNDER THE SAME CURSE ARE STUCK TOGETHER BY A SPECIAL BOND...
.. WE CALL IT A MATCH-MAKER.
BUT YOU WOULD BE SOMEWHAT FISHLIKE.
URK..!
SO YOU DIDN'T USE IT, HUH?
WHY NOT?

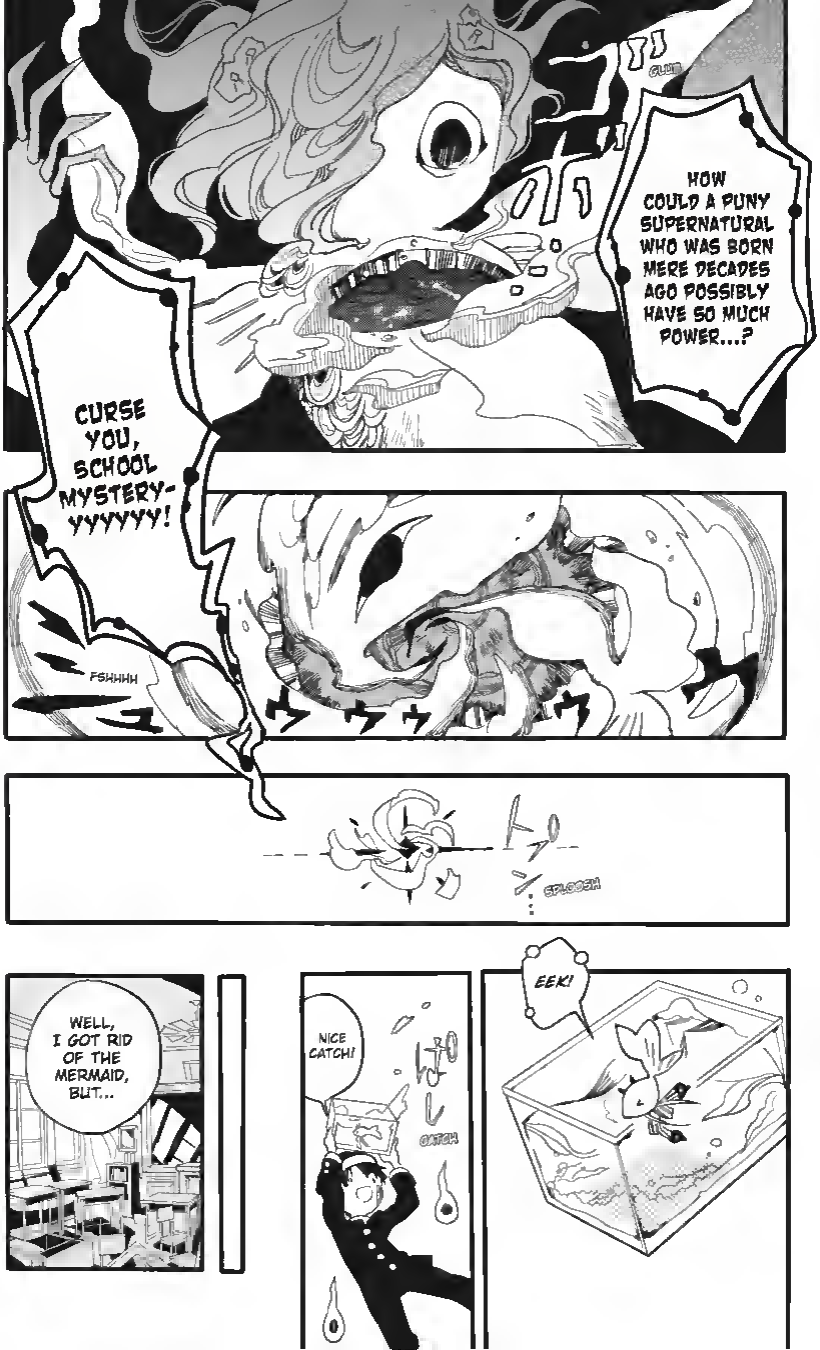
THAT WAS MY REAL WISH...
I WOULD HAVE TAKEN ANYONE IF I COULD BE PART OF A COUPLE.
EVERYTHING YOU SAID WAS TRUE, HANAKO-SAN.
I REALIZED I WAS ONLY TRYING TO USE HIM.
...I DON'T LOVE SENPAI— NOT EVEN CLOSE.
I'M THE WORST
WELL, WELL, WELL.
RATTLE
YOU ARE NOW MY SLAVE.
WH— WHAT!?
BUT REJOICE, LITTLE GIRL.
!
HUMANS ARE TRULY FOOLISH CREATURES.
SPLOOSH~
I'LL TAKE VERY GOOD CARE OF YOU.
SO YOU CAME.

ZMM
MERMAID!
ZMM
HEH HEH HEH!
SPLAAAASH
EEEEK! A HUMAN-FACED FISH!!
THAT'S A MERMAID.
IT'S COME TO GET ITS NEW SERVANT.
BUT I CAN'T LET YOU DO THAT.
IT WOULD BE A DETRIMENT TO MY BUSINESS.

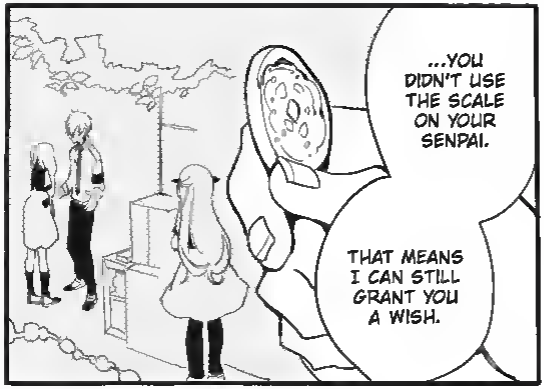
KA-POW
SWISH
WHOOM
OUT OF MY WAY, WHELP.
HANAKO-SAN!
YOU ARE WEAK!
I HAVE LIVED THOUSANDS OF YEARS.
.....
HEH HEH HEH!
A PITIFUL LITTLE SCHOOL LEGEND COULD NEVER HOPE TO BEAT ME.
EEEEK!
NOW, COME ALONG.
JUST A SECOND.
HM?

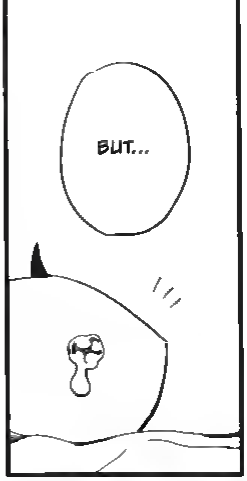
I HAVEN'T GRANTED A SINGLE WISH FOR THAT GIRL YET.
IF YOU MUST TAKE HER AWAY, COULD YOU LET ME DO THAT FIRST?
SI-LENCE!
YOU WILL NOT ORDER ME AROUND.
REALLY ...
I SEE. IN THAT CASE...
SNOOP
...I'LL JUST HAVE TO USE FORCE
!MPU-DENCE!!
ZWIP

SLASH
WHAT!?

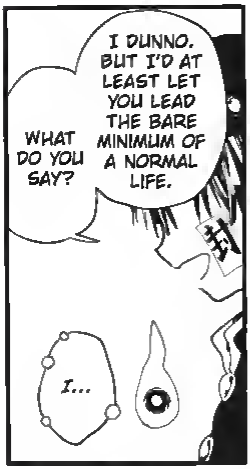

GLUP
HOW COULD A PUNY SUPERNATURAL WHO WAS BORN MERE DECADES AGO POSSIBLY HAVE SO MUCH POWER...?
CURSE YOU, SCHOOL MYSTERY-YYYYYY!
FSHHHH
SPLOOSH
WELL, I GOT RID OF THE MERMAID, BUT...
NICE CATCH!
CATCH
EEK!

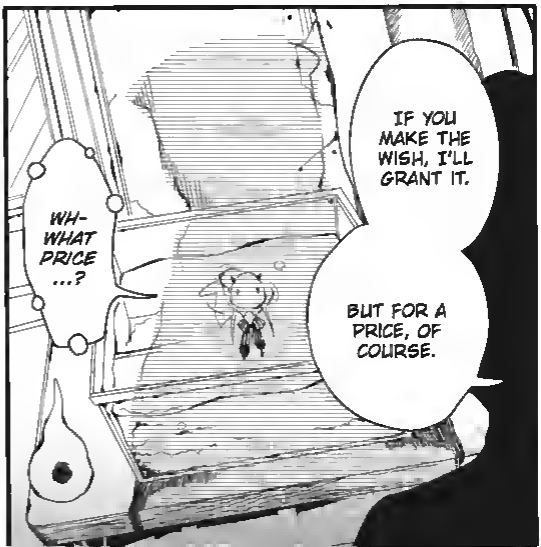
IF ONLY... IF ONLY I'D NEVER MADE THAT WISH...
WHAT DO I DO, HANAKO-SAN...? IS THAT FISH GOING TO TAKE ME AWAY?
B-BUT!
...IT SEEMED PRETTY PERSISTENT, SO IT'LL PROBABLY BE BACK.
BUT I GUESS IT'S FINE, AS LONG AS WE MANAGED TO BUY SOME TIME.
TEE HEE!
封
CRYING WON'T HELP YOU NOW.
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GET INVOLVED WITH THE SUPER NATURAL.
SHOCK
I TOLD YOU NOT TO USE IT. DIDN'T I?
I WENT OUT OF MY WAY TO WARN YOU AND EVERY THING.
POKE
YOU ... ... LITTLE ... ... DUMMY. ♡


...YOU DIDN'T USE THE SCALE ON YOUR SENPAI.
THAT MEANS I CAN STILL GRANT YOU A WISH.


BUT...

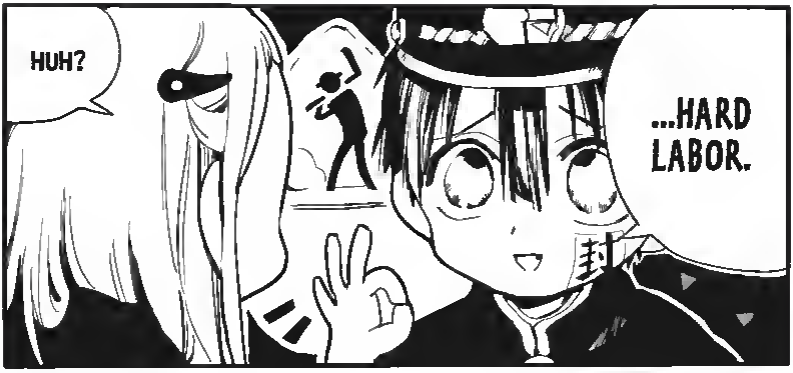
DO YOU WANT TO GO BACK TO BEING HUMAN?

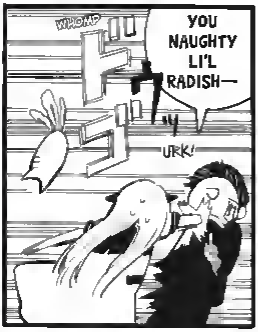

I DUNNO. BUT I'D AT LEAST LET YOU LEAD THE BARE MINIMUM OF A NORMAL LIFE.
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
I...


IF YOU MAKE THE WISH, I'LL GRANT IT.
WH-WHAT PRICE ...?
BUT FOR A PRICE, OF COURSE.

THOSE ARE THE MAGIC WORDS.
OKAY, THEN.
FLICK
CATCH
PLEASE, HANAKO-SAN! MAKE ME HUMAN AGAIN!!
I'LL DO IT. I WANT TO CHANGE BACK!
SPLISH
SPLISH
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS WITH YOUR BODY.

THUD
SPLASH!
KONK
CLATTER
ULP!
BONK
HUH?
IN EXCHANGE, YOU WILL GIVE ME...
...YOUR...
I WILL KEEP THE EFFECTS OF THE CURSE TO A MINIMUM.
...ACROSS THE NEAR AND FAR SHORES.
OUR FATES HAVE BEEN TIED TOGETHER...


HUH?
...HARD LABOR.


WHOMP
YOU NAUGHTY LI'L RADISH—
URK!

DID YOU THINK I MEANT SOMETHING DIRTY, YASHIRO?
JOLT
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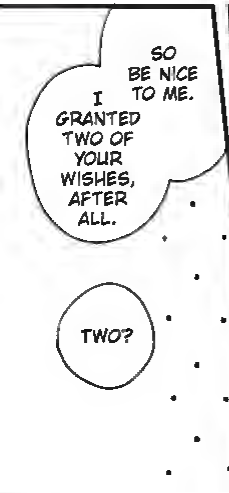
MAN, THAT ALL WORKED OUT PERFECTLY.
RIGHT WHEN I WAS WANTING A HUMAN ASSISTANT TOO.


SO BE NICE TO ME.
I GRANTED TWO OF YOUR WISHES, AFTER ALL.
TWO?

I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I?
OUR FATES ARE NOW ENTWINED.
HUH?
HANAKO-SAN, I CAN TOUCH YOU.

"I WISH TO BE HUMAN AGAIN"...
CLENCH
...AND "I'LL TAKE ANYONE AS LONG AS I CAN BE IN A COUPLE WITH SOMEONE"...
...ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU WANTED?
TO YOU, BEING BOUND TO SOMEONE AND BEING A COUPLE ARE THE SAME THING, RIGHT?

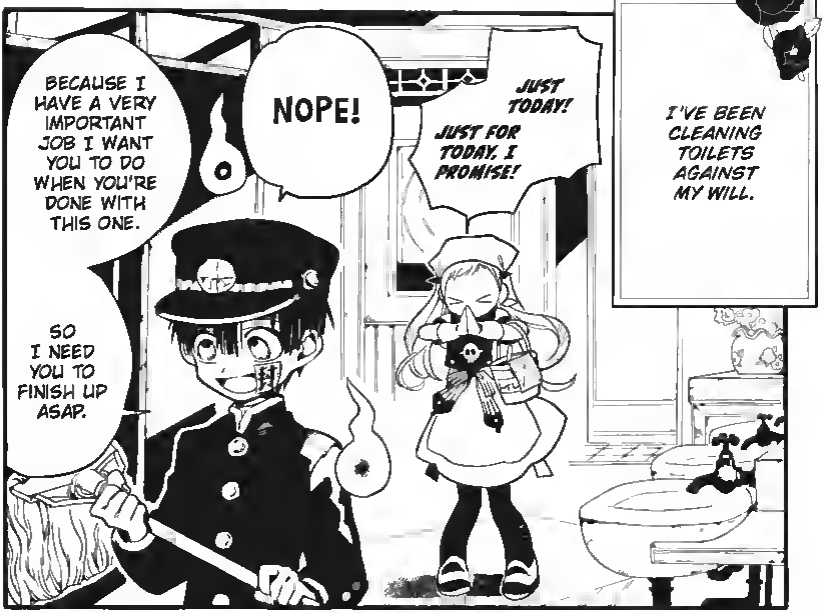
THAT'S HOW...
...I MET HIM.
C—
COUPLE ...?
曲
糸
SILENCE
YOU SHOULD TAKE A TOWEL TO IT.
OH, AND THAT'LL CLEAR UP ONCE IT'S DRY.
?

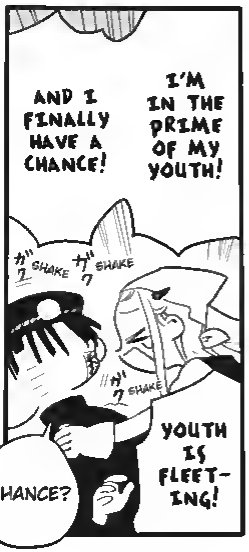
IN A TWILIT CLASS-ROOM, RED WITH THE RAYS OF THE SETTING SUN...
GYAAAAH!!
I MET A SUPER-NATURAL BOY...
...WHO WAS NOT OF THIS WORLD.
KZH
KZHZH

Where do things go when they have been forgotten by everyone?
KCH
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR
Do they fade out of existence?
No, those things ...
...are still with us, even now.
GRUMM
モゾ…
CLICK
Have you heard the rumors?
Of the faeries?

失せ物
注意
霊
花
SPOOK 2
THE FAERIES

RECAP OF THE OTHER DAY
... "I'VE BEEN WANTING A HUMAN ASSIS-TANT."
HANAKO-SAN SAID...
GIRLS' TOILET
女子便所
HANAKO-SAN, HANAKO-SAN...
IT'S BEEN ONE WEEK, AND I—
DENIED
却下
NOPE!
封
PLEASE LET ME GO HOME FOR THE DAY!
おねがい!!
PLEASE!
TOILET-CLEANING


I'VE BEEN CLEANING TOILETS AGAINST MY WILL.
JUST FOR TODAY, I PROMISE!
JUST TODAY!
NOPE!
BECAUSE I HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT JOB I WANT YOU TO DO WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH THIS ONE.
SO I NEED YOU TO FINISH UP ASAP.

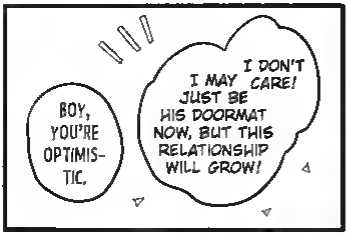

I'M IN THE PRIME OF MY YOUTH!
AND I FINALLY HAVE A CHANCE!
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
YOUTH IS FLEET-ING!
CHANCE?

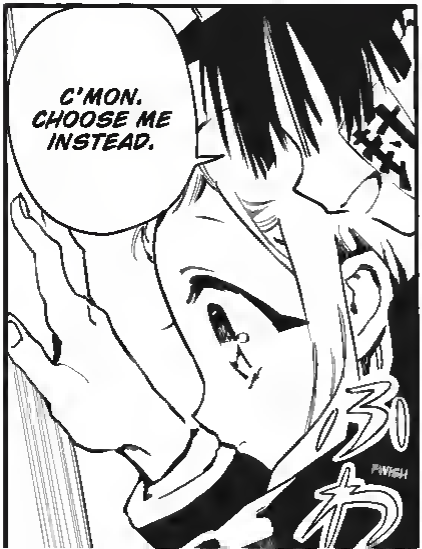
NO...
IN THE WEEK I'VE BEEN YOUR ASSISTANT...
...I CLEAN, CLEAN, AND CLEAN MORE BATHROOMS FROM THE SECOND SCHOOL ENDS UNTIL THEY KICK US OFF OF THE SCHOOL GROUNDS...
I'VE CLEANED ALMOST EVERY BATHROOM IN THE ENTIRE SCHOOL.

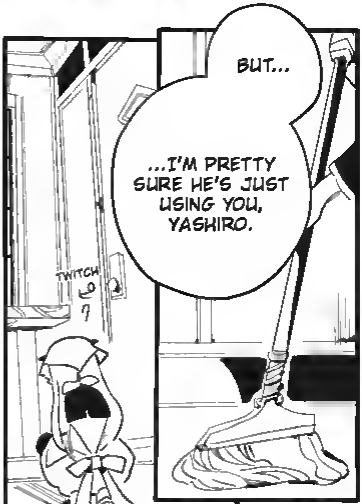
A BOY ASKED ME OUT ON A DATE! ♡
ARE YOU FREE AFTER SCHOOL?
HUH?
FUJI-KUN, THE HOTTEST GUY IN CLASS!
HEE HEE!
AND THIS'LL BE OUR SECOND DATE!
WE HAD A LITTLE RENDEZVOUS IN THE CLASSROOM AT DUSK WHEN NO ONE WAS AROUND!
A DATE!?
SHOCK
SO, HEY, WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO ON THIS "DATE"?
SOMETHING DIRTY?
YOU REEEALLY WANNA KNOW?
WELL, SINCE YOU INSIST!

THAT FUJI-KUN. FIRST HE ASKS ME OUT, THEN HE DISAP-PEARS.
HE'S SO BASH-FUL.
HEH HEH
WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU GONNA BE RENDEZVOUS-ING WITH, YASHIRO?
PAPERS?

パチン
STAPLE
WE'RE GOING TO AN EMPTY CLASSROOM TO ORGANIZE PAPERS FOR THE STUDENT COUNCIL.
CAW
STAPLE
CAW

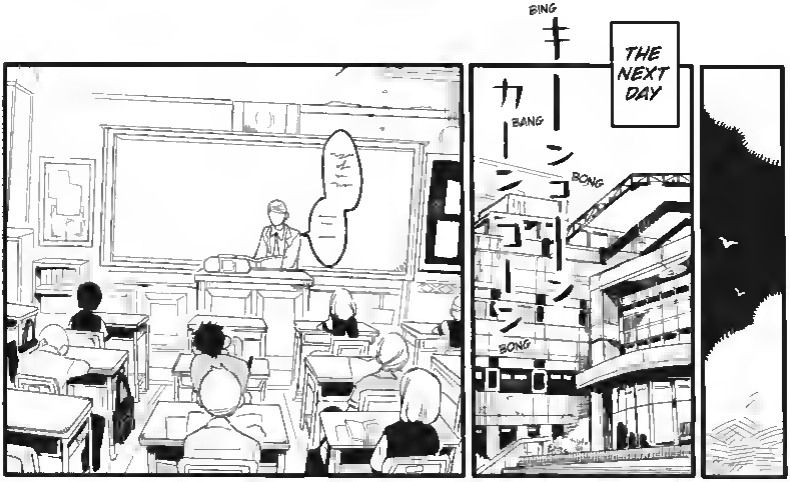

I DON'T CARE! I MAY JUST BE HIS DOORMAT NOW, BUT THIS RELATIONSHIP WILL GROW!
BOY, YOU'RE OPTIMIS-TIC.


C'MON. CHOOSE ME INSTEAD.
PWISH


BUT...
...I'M PRETTY SURE HE'S JUST USING YOU, YASHIRO.
TWITCH

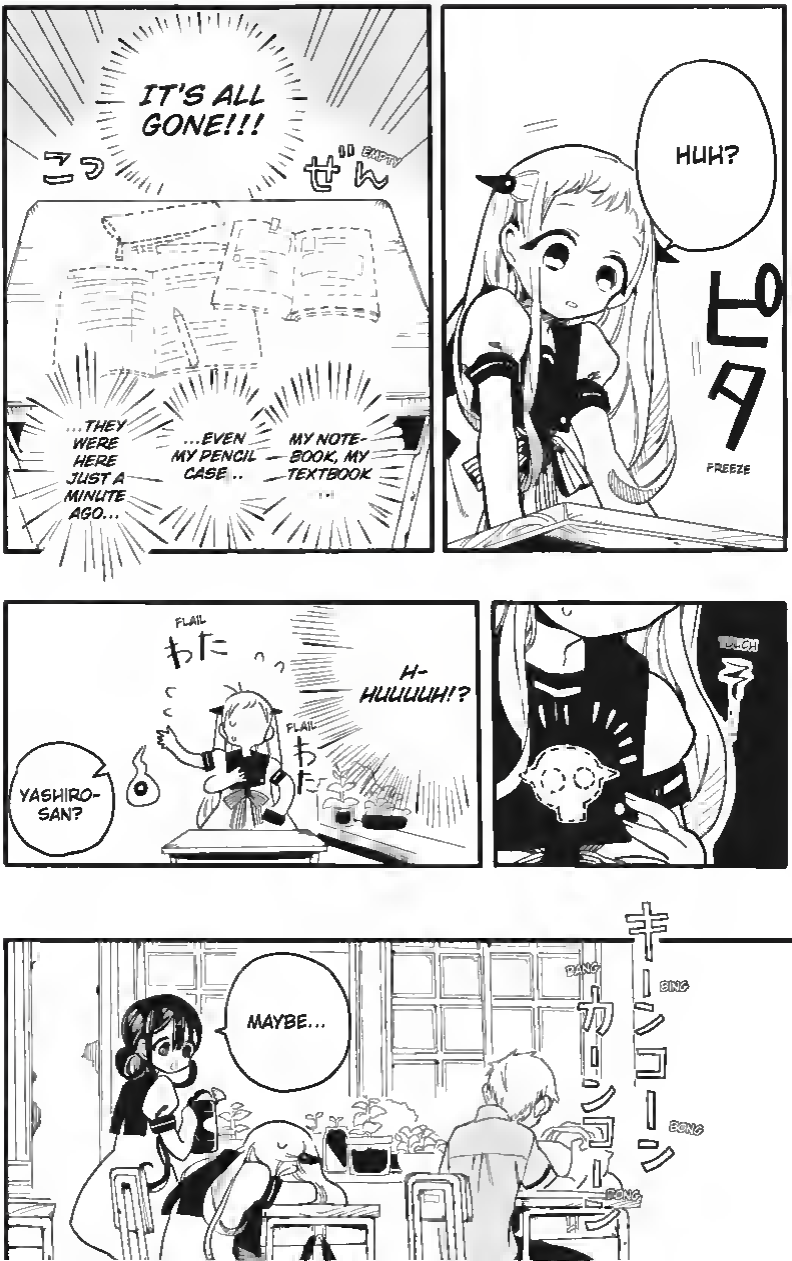
I'LL TREAT YOU...
...
MUUUCH
...
...BETTER THAN THAT GUY.
BADUM
HUH?
HUH!?
MOP
GASP
封
...FINE, I GET IT.
HAHH
FLABBERGASTED
ガガーン
IF IT'S BETWEEN CLEANING THE TOILETS WITH YOU OR ORGANIZING PAPERS BY MYSELF...
...I'LL TAKE THE PAPERWORK.
スススス
RETREAT
...HANAKO-SAN.

YASHIRO MUST MISS BREATHING THROUGH GILLS, HUH?
COME HERE, HAKU-JOUDAI.
LET'S GO BUY SOME FISH FOOD.
コロリ
FLIP-FLOP
HOORAY! I JUST LOVE CLEANING BATHROOMS! ♡


THE NEXT DAY
BING
キーン
BANG
カーン
BONG
コーン
BONG
コーン

...BUT IF ANYBODY'S USING ME, IT'S HANAKO-SAN.
IT'S NOT LIKE I REALLY THINK THINGS ARE GOING TO WORK OUT WITH FUJI-KUN...
FUUHH
ANOTHER DAY OF TOILET CLEANING... I DON'T WANNAAA.
SWISH
HE EVEN PUT A GUARD ON ME.
WHAT DID HE CALL IT? ...HAKU-JOUDAI?
WEIRD NAME
HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH
NEW BOAT
HE WANTS ME TO CLEAN EVERY DAY? I'M NOT CINDERELLA.
I WANT TO GO TO MY CLUB AND HANG OUT WITH MY FRIENDS...

...I HAVE ONLY MYSELF TO BLAME...
IF HANAKO-SAN WORKS ME LIKE A DOG...
WHINE
"/
WELL, IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, IT'S MY FAULT EVERYTHING TURNED OUT THIS WAY.
HRRRM
BUT I STILL DON'T WANNA!!
WAH!
YES, SIR!
CLATTER
YASHIRO-SAN! READ THE FIRST PARAGRAPH ON PAGE 15.
SQUIRM


IT'S ALL GONE!!!
こっ
ぜん EMPTY
...THEY WERE HERE JUST A MINUTE AGO...
...EVEN MY PENCIL CASE..
MY NOTE-BOOK, MY TEXTBOOK
HUH?
ピタ
FREEZE
FLAIL
わた
H-HUUUUUH!?
FLAIL
わた
YASHIRO-SAN?
GULP
MAYBE...
キーンコーン BING
カーンコーン DANG
BONG
BONG

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD?
FAERIES?
EVERY-BODY'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT THEM LATELY!
...SHOWED UP?
...THE FAERIES...
"THE FAERIES"—
BECAUSE IF YOU DO...
BUT YOU MUST NEVER LOOK UPON THEM.
THEN YOU HAVE BEEN A VICTIM OF THE FAERIES.
HAS THAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
OR HAD SOMETHING THAT WAS ALWAYS THERE VANISH RIGHT WHEN YOU NEEDED IT?
HAVE YOU EVER LOST SOMETHING YOU WERE KEEPING A CLOSE EYE ON?
GULP
ゴク…
...THEY WILL EVEN TAKE...
...YOUR LIFE.

HEY, HAVE YOU SEEN MY LUNCH BOX?
SAY WHAT?
BUT LATELY—
AWWW, IS THAT ALL?
WHEN!
OF COURSE, IT'S JUST A RUMOR.
OR SO THEY SAY!
BEAM
THINGS REALLY HAVE BEEN GOING MISSING AN AWFUL LOT.
WHO TOOK MY HANITARO!!!!?
THE SPORTS TOWEL SENPAI LENT ME IS GONE!
OH NO!
WHAT? YOU LOST YOUR LUNCH?
GUYS! COME QUICK!
OH, COME ON...
FAERIES, I MEAN! ♥
WHAT IF THEY REALLY DO EXIST?
A HANIWA CLAY FIGURE
WHAT'S A HANITARO?

ガラーン
MISSING
THE LOCKER DOORS ARE ALL GONE!!
どよっ
CLAMOR
CHATTER
CHATTER
NO PERSON COULD POSSIBLY DO THIS WITHOUT ANYONE NOTICING.
DON'T TELL ME IT WAS...
モゾ
SQUIRM
WHO WOULD DO THAT?
MURMUR
I DON'T KNOW!
MURMUR
I JUST LOOKED UP, AND THIS IS WHAT I SAW!

EEK!
ドン
WHAM
SOMETHING JUST BUMPED INTO MY HAND...
I'M SORRY! I'LL GET SOMETHING TO DRY IT OFF...
GASP
は
EEEEK!
NENE-CHAN!!
SPLOOOSH
ぱー
HUH ...?
N-NENE-CHAN?
ZOOM
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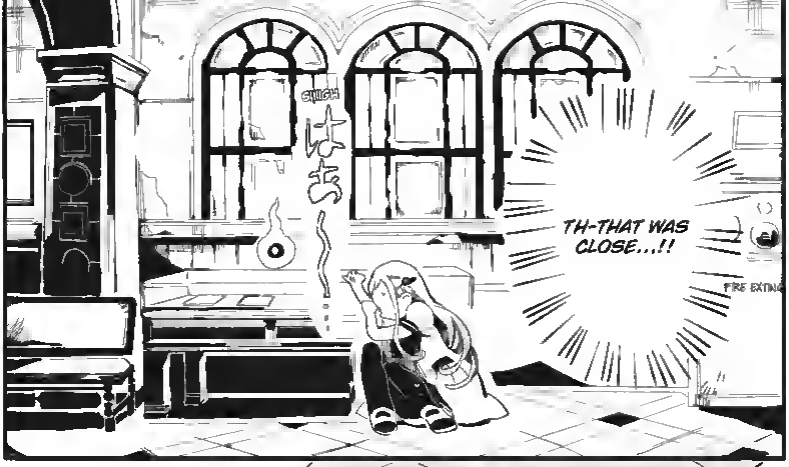
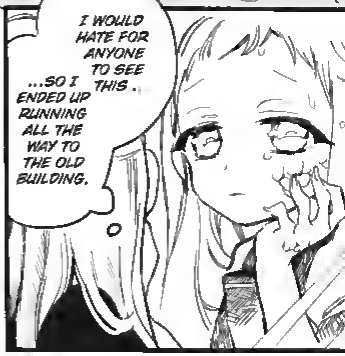
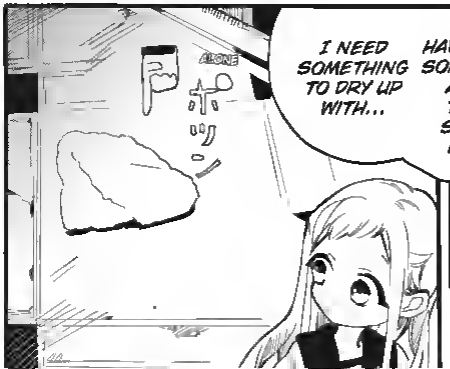

EHHH
はっ
TH-THAT WAS CLOSE...!!
FIRE EXTING

I KNEW IT...I'M SCALY.
SEEP

HUSH

ACK!
JUST A— WHAT?
BONK
BONK


I WOULD HATE FOR ANYONE TO SEE THIS.
...SO I ENDED UP RUNNING ALL THE WAY TO THE OLD BUILDING.


ALONE
I NEED SOMETHING TO DRY UP WITH...
BUT I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THESE SCALES FIRST.

G-GUESS I'LL HEAD BACK...

A LUNCH BOX?
I FEEL LIKE SOMEONE WAS JUST LOOKING FOR ONE OF THOSE.....
SORRY TO WHOEVER DROPPED THIS, BUT I'M GONNA BORROW IT.
A CLEAN TOWEL! YES!
FWAP
ばっ
AAAH!
AND MY BROOCH!
AH!
MY NOTE-BOOK AND TEXT-BOOK!
...ARE YOU... HANITARO, BY ANY CHANCE?
...UMMM...
SIGN: REFERENCE ROOM
RUSTLE
DIG DIG
NAME
I JUST DON'T FEEL RIGHT WITHOUT THESE...
WHAT A RELIEF.

YOU.
FLAP
ばさ
EEP!
SQUIRM
モゾ
SAW.
ME!
N—
NO!
SQUIRM
モゾ!!
SQUIRM
モゾ

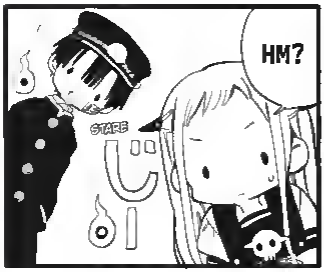
"YOU MUST NEVER LOOK UPON THE FAERIES.
"IF YOU DO...
...THEY WILL TAKE YOUR LIFE."

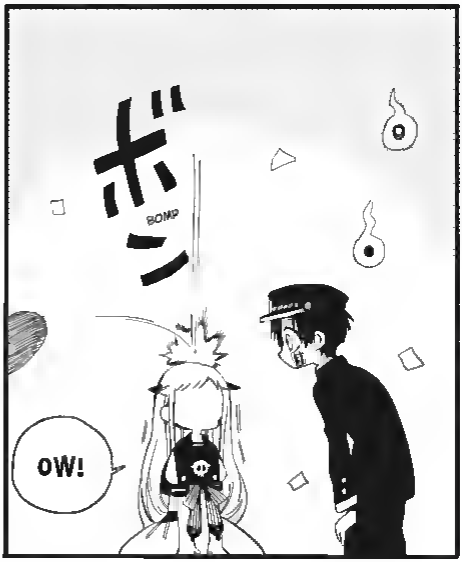
SIC 'EM, HAKU-JOUDAI!!
ZOOM
WHOOSH
FWOOM
FWOOM

BWOOM
EEK!
YOU'RE EASILY DRAWN TO PRETTY BOYS AND SUPERNATURALS, AREN'T YOU, YASHIRO?
YOU REALLY NEED TO BE CAREFUL, YOU KNOW.

HUMANS DIE PRETTY EASILY.
HANAKO-SAN...
'KAY?

...HE DID IT AGAIN.
HE SAVED ME.


HM?
STARE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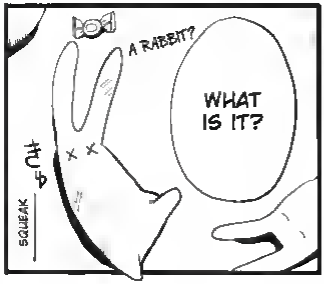
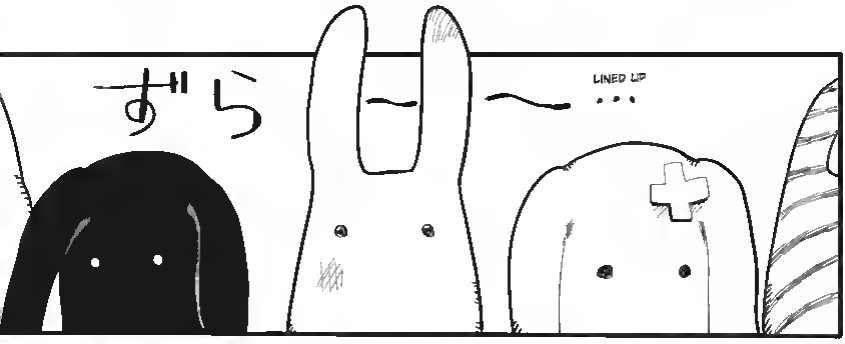
BOMP
OW!


A RABBIT?
WHAT IS IT?
SQUEAK
ぴょん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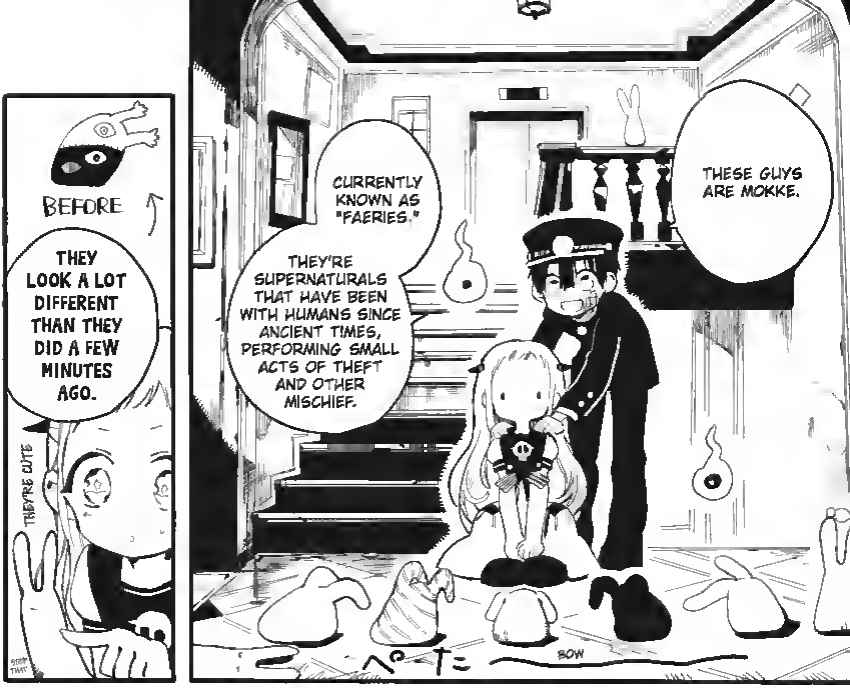
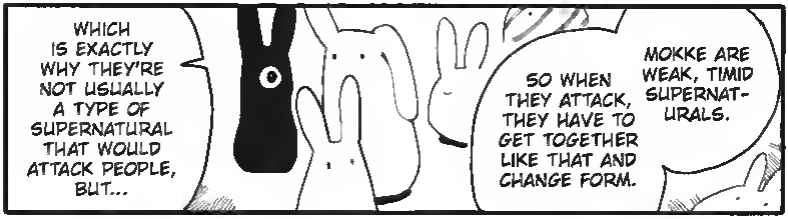
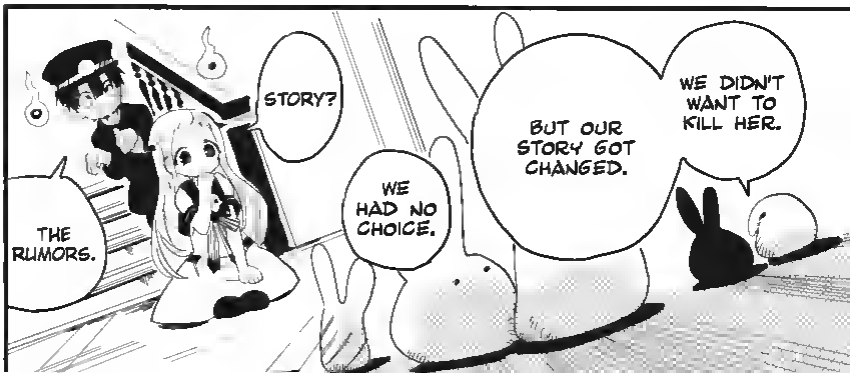
LINED UP
...


BEFORE
THEY LOOK A LOT DIFFERENT THAN THEY DID A FEW MINUTES AGO.
THEY'RE CUTE
CURRENTLY KNOWN AS "FAERIES."
THEY'RE SUPERNATURALS THAT HAVE BEEN WITH HUMANS SINCE ANCIENT TIMES, PERFORMING SMALL ACTS OF THEFT AND OTHER MISCHIEF.
THESE GUYS ARE MOKKE.
BOW


WHICH IS EXACTLY WHY THEY'RE NOT USUALLY A TYPE OF SUPERNATURAL THAT WOULD ATTACK PEOPLE, BUT...
SO WHEN THEY ATTACK, THEY HAVE TO GET TOGETHER LIKE THAT AND CHANGE FORM.
MOKKE ARE WEAK, TIMID SUPERNATURALS.


THE RUMORS.
STORY?
WE HAD NO CHOICE.
BUT OUR STORY GOT CHANGED.
WE DIDN'T WANT TO KILL HER.

RUMORS
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MOST SUPER-NATURALS CAN'T GO AGAINST THEIR RUMORS.
BECAUSE ANY SUPERNATURAL THAT DOES SOMETHING OUT OF SYNC WITH ITS RUMORS WILL EVENTUALLY DISAPPEAR FROM THE NEAR SHORE.
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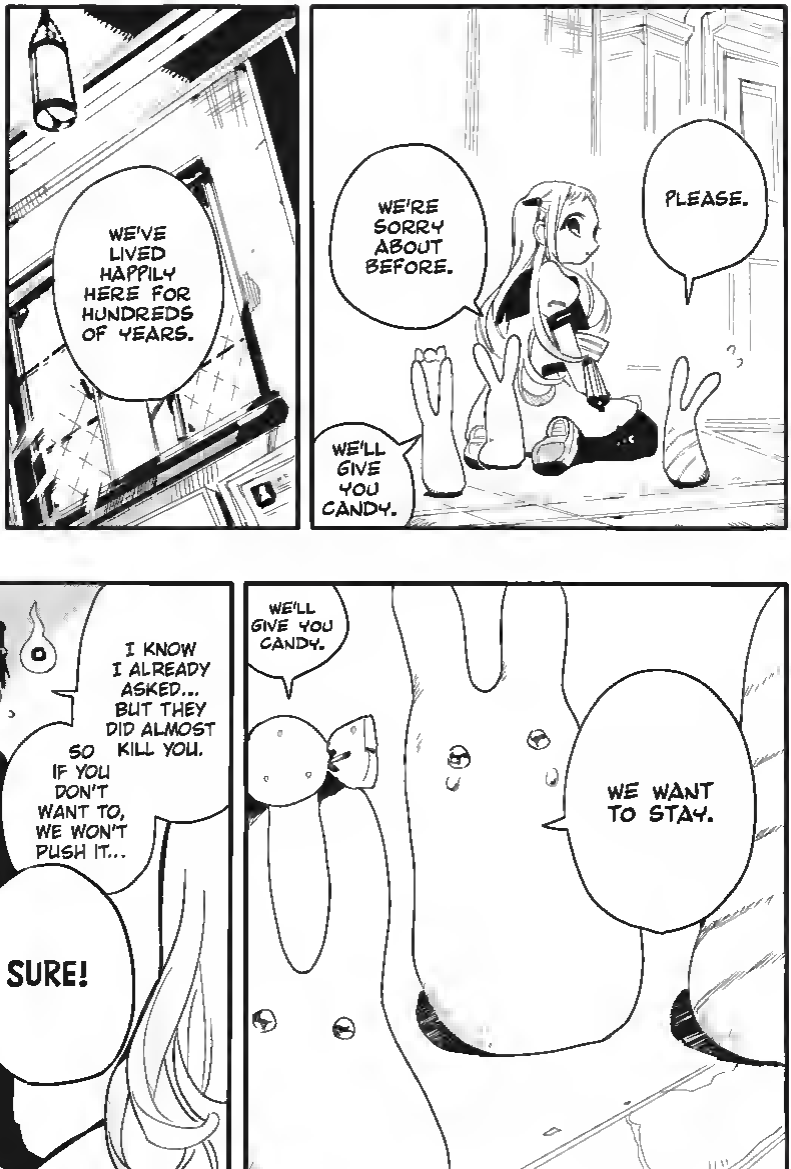
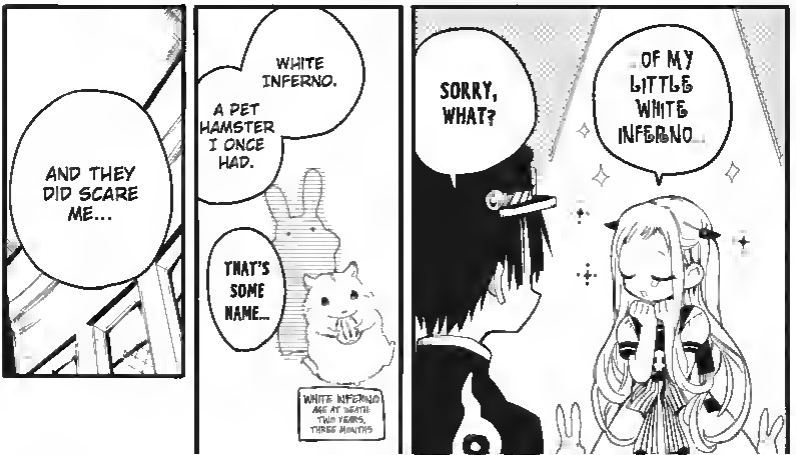
WAIT ONE?
?
DISAP-PEAR...
WOULD YOU CHANGE THE MOKKE RUMORS FOR US?
...YASHIRO.

I AM ONE OF THIS SCHOOL'S SEVEN MYSTERIES.
I CAN'T LET DANGEROUS, SUPERNATURAL KILLERS STAY HERE.
I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO EXTERMINATE THEM.
CHANGE THE RUMORS...?
IT IS MY DUTY TO SUPERVISE ALL THE SUPERNATURALS IN THIS SCHOOL...
...AND MAINTAIN PROPER RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN US AND THE HUMANS.
BUT YOU, YASHIRO, ARE HUMAN.
YOU CAN HELP THEM BY CHANGING THE RUMORS.


WE'VE LIVED HAPPILY HERE FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS.
WE'RE SORRY ABOUT BEFORE.
PLEASE.
WE'LL GIVE YOU CANDY.
I KNOW I ALREADY ASKED... BUT THEY DID ALMOST SO KILL YOU.
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO, WE WON'T PUSH IT...
SURE!
WE'LL GIVE YOU CANDY.
WE WANT TO STAY.

I'LL DO IT.
I'LL CHANGE THE RUMORS!
...YOU'RE SURE?
YAY!
YAY!
YEAH.
THESE LITTLE MOKKE GUYS, THEY REMIND ME...


AND THEY DID SCARE ME...
WHITE INFERNO.
A PET HAMSTER I ONCE HAD.
THAT'S SOME NAME...
WHITE INFERNO ARE AT DEATH TWO YEARS, THREE MONTHS
SORRY, WHAT?
...OF MY LITTLE WHITE INFERNO...

...BUT THEN YOU SAVED ME, HANAKO-SAN.
JUST LIKE WITH THAT MERMAID THING BEFORE...
THANK YOU, HANAKO-SAN.
.....
I DON'T THINK I'LL EVER LEARN TO REALLY LOVE CLEANING BATHROOMS... BUT I DO APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'VE DONE FOR ME.
OH!
I MIGHT BE WRONG, BUT...
...IS THIS THE IMPORTANT JOB YOU SAID YOU HAD FOR ME WHEN I WAS DONE CLEANING?
...YEAH, BUT I WASN'T PLANNING TO ASK UNTIL EVEN LATER.
I KNEW IT!

GASP
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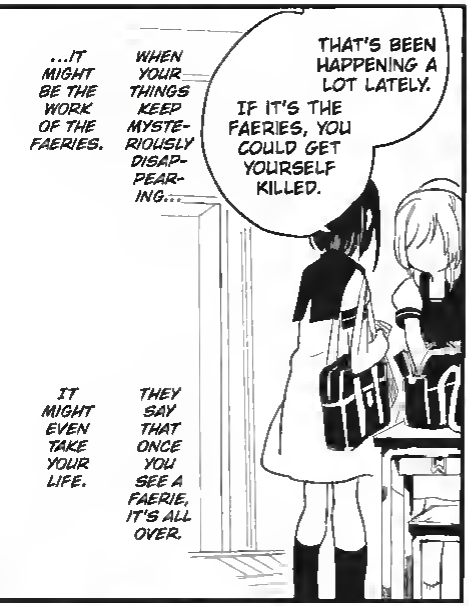
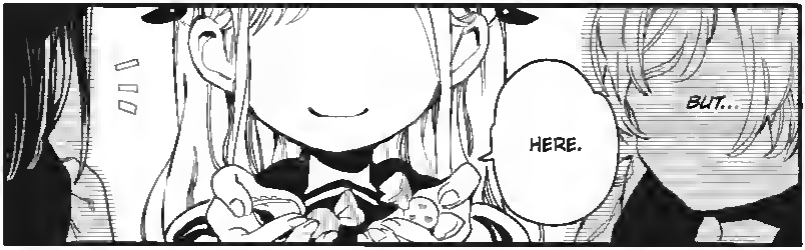
DOES THIS MEAN...
...I'VE GRADUATED FROM TOILET DUTY?
I ALWAYS LOOK FORWARD TO IT
SLUMP
ガックリ…
AWWW...
NOPE.
VERY FEW WOMEN IN THE WORLD ACTUALLY ENJOY SCRUBBING TOILETS.
YOU'RE ALMOST DONE.
...BUT DO YOU HATE IT THAT MUCH?
THAT'S TOO BAD.

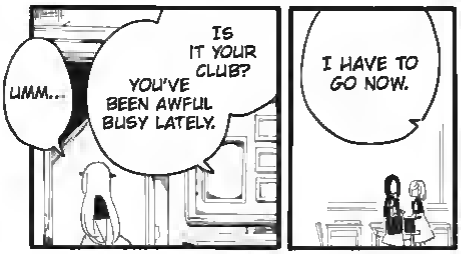
DOING THINGS WITH SOMEONE AFTER SCHOOL.
TALKING ABOUT WHATEVER.
IT'S LIKE HAVING A FRIEND...
AND... I DON'T KNOW.
IT JUST TAKES ME BACK.
HANAKO-KUN.

...IT'S MORE LIKE WE'RE FRIENDS, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHAT I'LL CALL YOU. THAT WAY...
GRIN
EH HEH HEH
HAVE YOU DECIDED ON A NEW RUMOR?
YUP!


...IT MIGHT BE THE WORK OF THE FAERIES.
WHEN YOUR THINGS KEEP MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARING...
THAT'S BEEN HAPPENING A LOT LATELY.
IF IT'S THE FAERIES, YOU COULD GET YOURSELF KILLED.
IT MIGHT EVEN TAKE YOUR LIFE.
THEY SAY THAT ONCE YOU SEE A FAERIE, IT'S ALL OVER.

ACTUALLY, IT WAS ALREADY DECIDED FOR ME.
HUH?
YOU LOST SOMETHING AGAIN?


HERE.
BUT...


UMM...
IS IT YOUR CLUB? YOU'VE BEEN AWFUL BUSY LATELY.
I HAVE TO GO NOW.

THEN THEY WON'T KILL YOU, AND THEY'LL STOP TAKING YOUR THINGS.
I HEARD IT HELPS TO CARRY ONE AROUND IN CASE YOU RUN INTO A FAERIE.
CANDY?
I HAD NO IDEA.
HUH.

SIGN: GIRLS' TOILET
IN THE BATHROOM?
TO SEE A FRIEND.
I'M GOING TO SEE A FRIEND, I GUESS?
HEY.
BUMP

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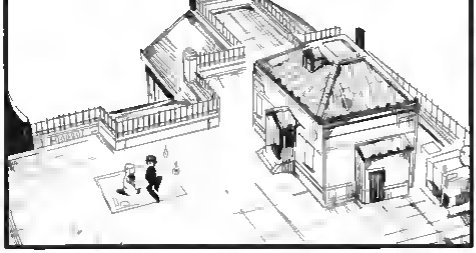
ZOOOOM
DON'T KNOW 'EM!
AH! HEY!
SHOCK
PIP-SQUEAKS. YOU KNOW A HANAKO?
JOLT
TOILET
WELL, FINE.
I'LL FIND HIM MYSELF.
CHANG
BAM
...TO EXORCISE YOU!!
JUST YOU WAIT, HANAKO! I'M ON MY WAY...
MWAH-HA-HA-HA-HA!
PSST
PSST

SHOULD WE TRY A SALTWATER BATH?
YOU HAVEN'T SEEMED TOO HAPPY LATELY
NOTE: HELPFUL AND CARING

SPECTER No. 101
MERMAID
A supernatural fish-person that has lived for millennia. It is said that those who swallow scales from the same mermaid are cursed into being half fish people——the price for being connected by an extremely powerful bond.

SPOOKS
THE BOY EXORCIST



AHHH!
CELEBRATING THE PREMIERE OF A 3D ROADSHOW
I DON'T SUPPOSE A HOT GUY WOULD FALL FROM THE SKY...
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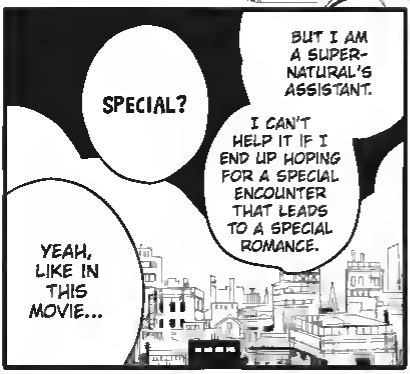
SPECIAL?
BUT I AM A SUPER-NATURAL'S ASSISTANT.
I CAN'T HELP IT IF I END UP HOPING FOR A SPECIAL ENCOUNTER THAT LEADS TO A SPECIAL ROMANCE.
YEAH, LIKE IN THIS MOVIE...

COME ON, I'M NOT REALLY SERIOUS.
I KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FANTASY AND REALITY.
YASHIRO...

NENE-CHAN♡THEATER
IN A BRILLIANT SHOW OF POWER, HE VANQUISHES THE EVIL SPIRIT, AND HE AND THE GIRL LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER...
SUDDENLY, BEFORE HER VERY EYES, A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG MAN FALLS FROM THE SKY.
BECAUSE OF HER NOBLE PEDIGREE, A LOVELY MAIDEN (ME) IS TAKEN CAPTIVE BY AN EVIL SPIRIT.
UM, HE'S VANQUISHING ME.
YAH!
WAAAAH!
FOR REAL?
NO DANGEROUS IDEOLOGIES
BESIDES, YOU DON'T NEED THOSE DELUSIONS, YASHIRO.
SNATCH
HEY!
YOU HAVE ME.
封
MMPH!
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THAT'S FAR ENOUGH!!
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KACLACK

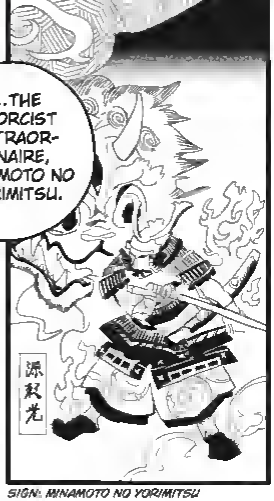
CELEBRATING THE PREMIERE OF 25 AM FISHOW
BEAUTIFUL BOY
SHOW THE SKY
...JUST LIKE IN THE MOVIE!
A BOY FROM THE SKY..
HUP!
I FINALLY FOUND YOU, YOU VILE FIEND!!
LEAP
I AM A THIRD-YEAR IN THE KAMOME ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION
COME TO ME NOW
IT CAN'T BE! A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG MAN'S HERE FOR ME...?
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
OHHH!
TAKE YOUR MEMORY OF ME AS A SOUVENIR TO THE AFTER-LIFE!!
KOU MINA-MOTO AT YOUR SERVICE!
BAAAM

THAT WOULD BE WHY HE CAN SEE ME.
...BUT HE'S FROM THE MINAMOTO CLAN, RIGHT?
THE MINAMOTO CLAN... THE WARRIORS?

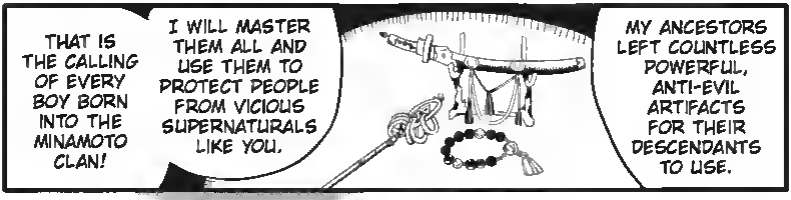
WELL, WE'VE NEVER MET IN PERSON...
I THINK HE CAN SEE YOU.
SOMEONE YOU KNOW, HANAKO-KUN?
COME TO ME COME TO ME
GASP

IT WAS A TIME WHEN THEY CALLED US SUPER-NATURALS "YOUKAI," AND WE HAD MUCH STRONGER POWERS.
...BACK WHEN NIGHTS WERE MUCH DARKER THAN THEY ARE NOW...
WELL, YOU KNOW, ONCE UPON A TIME...

THERE WERE THREE THAT WERE FEARED ABOVE ALL OTHERS, BELIEVED TO BE EVEN MORE POWERFUL THAN THE GODS. THEY WERE THE THREE GREAT EVIL YOUKAI OF JAPAN.
NINE-TAILED FOX
九尾狐
SHUTEN DOUJI
酒呑童子
天狗
ONE OF THOSE THREE WAS THE EVIL ONI OF MOUNT OOE, SHUTEN DOUJI. AND HE WAS SLAIN BY..
THREE GREAT EVIL YOUKAI OF JAPAN



SIGN: MINAMOTO NO YORIMITSU

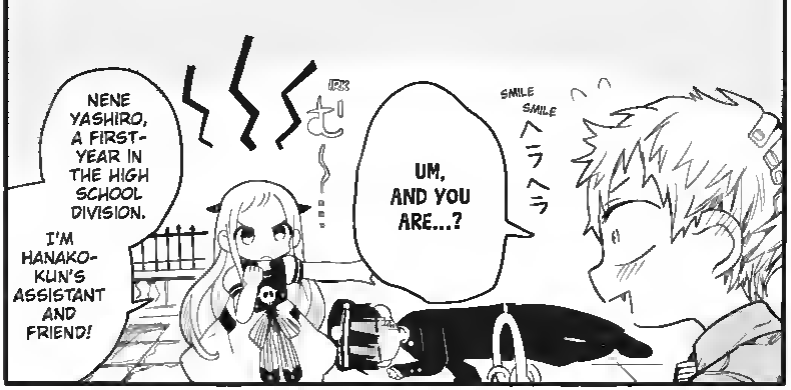

THAT IS THE CALLING OF EVERY BOY BORN INTO THE MINAMOTO CLAN!
I WILL MASTER THEM ALL AND USE THEM TO PROTECT PEOPLE FROM VICIOUS SUPERNATURALS LIKE YOU.
MY ANCESTORS LEFT COUNTLESS POWERFUL, ANTI-EVIL ARTIFACTS FOR THEIR DESCENDANTS TO USE.

JUMP
PREPARE TO DIE, HANAKO!!
DODGE
SWOOSH
SNICK
YOU DON'T, DO YOU?
EXORCISE ME, EH? I DON'T THINK YOU CAN PULL IT OFF.

WELL, TOO BAD, HANAKO.
CRACKLE
HANA-KO-KUN!!
THUD
STAGGER
CRACKLE
...NGH!!
CRACKLE
ZAP
ZAP

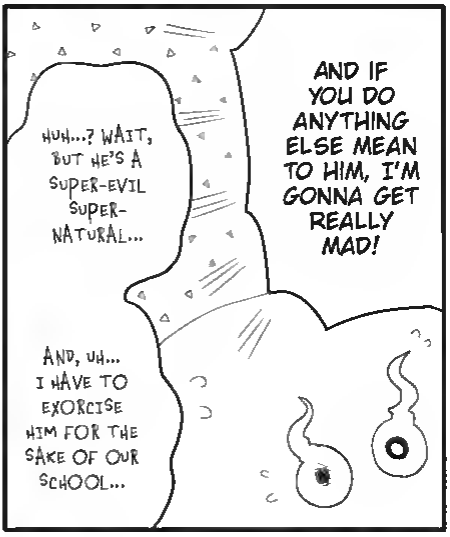
ZSH
BAM
THIS IS AN ANTI-EVIL ARTIFACT THAT HAS BEEN HANDED DOWN THROUGH MY FAMILY FOR GENERA-TIONS—THE RAITEIJOU!
IT'S A SPIRIT STAFF THAT TURNS ITS USER'S SPIRIT ENERGY INTO DEMON-VANQUISHING LIGHTNING THAT ZAPS EVIL!
SWOOSH
IT'S OVER!!
UGH...
封
ZAP
WAH HA HA!
AND YOU TOUCHED IT WITH YOUR BARE HANDS! YOU MUST BE PRETTY DENSE!!
ZAP

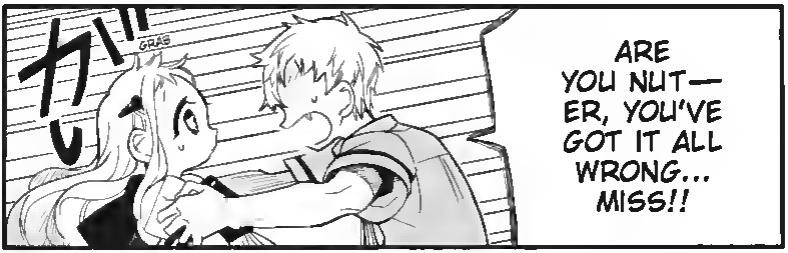
BADUM BADUM BADUM
YOU STUPID IDIOT!
DON'T JUST JUMP IN FRONT OF...
WHOA, WATCH OUT!
JERK
STOP!
WHAP
...ME, DAMMI—
.....UH, DARN IT, MISS...
GLARE
COWER


NENE YASHIRO, A FIRST-YEAR IN THE HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION.
I'M HANAKO-KUN'S ASSISTANT AND FRIEND!
UM, AND YOU ARE...?
SMILE SMILE

HANAKO-KUN ISN'T A BAD SUPER-NATURAL!

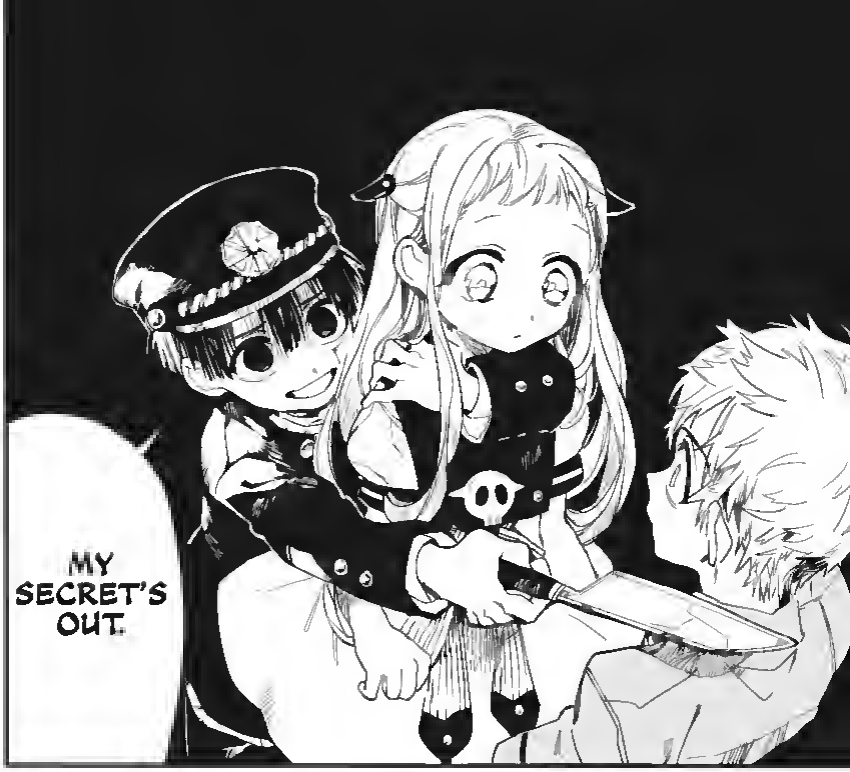
HE EVEN HELPED ME!


HUH...? WAIT, BUT HE'S A SUPER-EVIL SUPER-NATURAL...
AND, UH... I HAVE TO EXORCISE HIM FOR THE SAKE OF OUR SCHOOL...
AND IF YOU DO ANYTHING ELSE MEAN TO HIM, I'M GONNA GET REALLY MAD!


GRAB
ARE YOU NUT— ER, YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG... MISS!!

HE'S NOT JUST ANY SUPERNATURAL.
AND LOOK, HE USES THAT CARVING KNIFE FOR A WEAPON.
THAT'S PROOF THAT HE USED IT AS A WEAPON WHILE HE WAS ALIVE TOO.
IT TOOK ALL OF MY GRANDMA'S STRENGTH TO SEAL AWAY HANAKO-SAN OF THE TOILET.
HE'S A REALLY, REALLY, DIABOLICAL EVIL SPIRIT!
HE USED THAT KNIFE TO TAKE SOMEONE'S LIFE!

HE'S FOOLING YOU, SENPAI!
NO.
YOU'RE LYING...
YOU CAN'T TRUST HIM!!
SHIK
YOU'RE JUST GONNA BE...
... ANOTH-ER...
AWW.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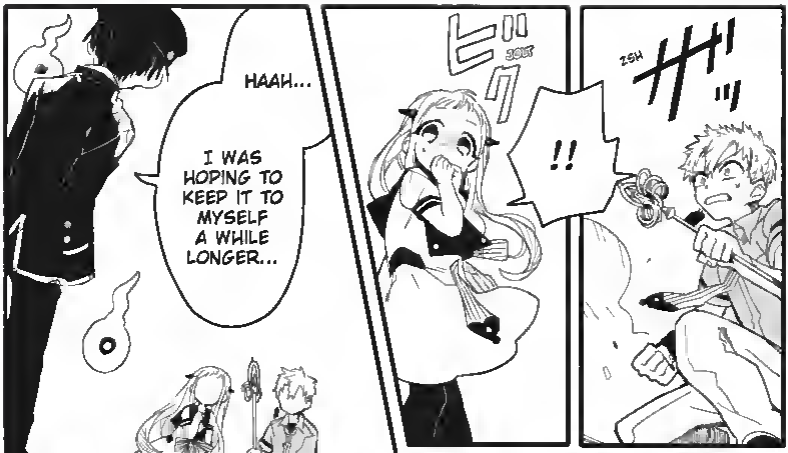
HAAH...
I WAS HOPING TO KEEP IT TO MYSELF A WHILE LONGER...
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JOLT
!!
ZSH

COME HERE, HAKUJOUDAI.
YOU'RE RIGHT. I DID KILL A HUMAN BEING.
SWIRL
BUT GOD TOLD ME THAT...
...IF I CAN FULFILL MY DUTY HERE...
...IT WILL ERASE MY GUILT.

SO I CAN'T LET YOU EXORCISE ME.
SOR-RY.
YOU DON'T EVEN MAKE ANY SENSE.

WAIT!!
DASH
BOOM
DANGIT!
TMP TMP
YOINK
HOLD STILL ...!
FWISH
HEY, DOESN'T THAT HURT YOUR HAND?

BOOM
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE

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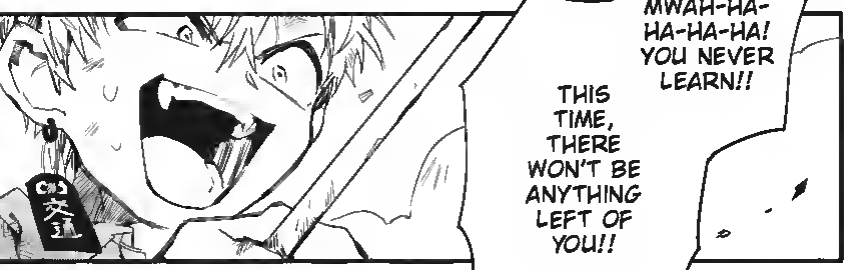

MWAH-HA-HA-HA-HA! YOU NEVER LEARN!!
THIS TIME, THERE WON'T BE ANYTHING LEFT OF YOU!!

WHOA!!
FSH
GLINT
キラン
SWOOSH
ビュ
WHA—!? IT DIDN'T WORK!!
HOW'S THAT? HOW'S THAT?
URK!
GLINT
SWOOSH
HYAH! HYAH!
SWISH SWISH
JUST A—
CLENCH
DON'T YOU DARE LOOK DOWN ON ME ...!
I REALLY LIKE THIS STAFF OF YOURS, KID.
GIVE IT TO ME, AND I MIGHT LET YOU GO.

I AIN'T GONNA RUN!!!
CLENCH
OH.
WELL, OKAY.
EHP
HUH!?
WHAM
OW!
!!

TAKE THAT!
FLICK
OW!
I WIN!
WHA—!?
GRIN
封

WAAAAAH!!!
封
ENLARGED
ペタリ
STICK
...I'LL JUST SEAL THIS AWAY SO IT DOESN'T HURT ANYBODY.
WELL...
FLAP
ぴら
SEAL
封
TAKE IT OFF!!
DON'T WANNA.
カリカリカリ
SCRIT SCRIT SCRIT
AAAAAGH! IT WON'T COME OFF!
WHAP
はぁ
WHAT'RE YOU DOING TO MY FAMILY HEIRLOOM!!!?
HERE
YOU ZAPPED YOURSELF EVERY TIME YOU SHOT LIGHTNING FROM IT.
NGH!
STING
STING
THOUGHT SO... IT'S LIKE YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO USE THE SPIRIT STAFF'S POWER.
GRIND
グリグリ
GRIND
MORE IMPOR-TANTLY...
YANK
!!

N—
NOBODY ASKED YOU!
USING POWER YOU CAN'T CONTROL WILL ONLY LEAD TO RUIN...
...KID.
SKIP
DON'T WORRY.
OOH, HOW PASSIONATE!
I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO ME... ...AS LONG AS I CAN PROTECT EVERY-ONE!

THERE'S NO NEED TO RUSH. YOU'LL MAKE A FINE EXORCIST ONE DAY.
YOU'LL BE SO GOOD, A LITTLE SPIRIT LIKE ME WILL BE A PIECE OF CAKE TO EXPEL.
I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
封
LOOKING FORWARD TO IT?
THIS IS ME EXORCISING YOU WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. SO WHY...?
...THAT SAID!

YOU'RE A TOTAL PUSHOVER RIGHT NOW!
CLENCH
グッ…
封
ドカ
FWAM
GAH!
グラ…
STAGGER
YOU JERK...
THAT WAS... LOW...
WINNER
YAY
カンカンカーン
DING
DING
DING

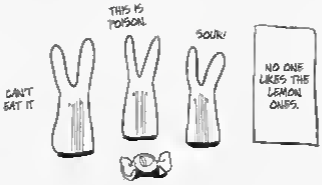
ARE YOU OKAY?
I HAD TO DO IT. IT JUST DIDN'T SEEM LIKE HE WAS GOING TO GIVE UP OTHERWISE.
HE'S PRETTY TOUGH. HE'LL WAKE UP SOON.
THE STAFF...
SHOULDN'T WE HIDE IT NOW, WHILE WE HAVE THE CHANCE?
HE MIGHT COME BACK...
封
HANG ON.
ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT ME?
O-OF COURSE I AM! YOU'RE MY FRIEND.
...I SEE.

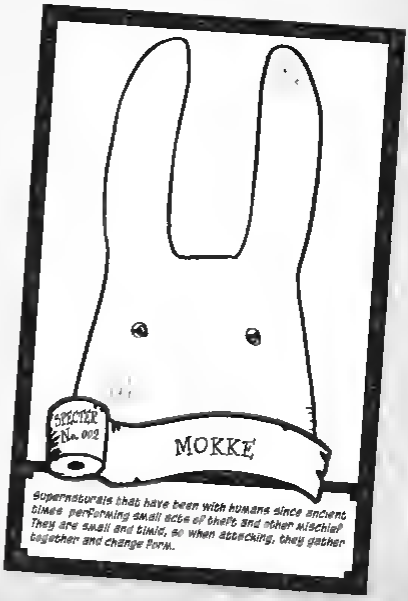
SO YOU CAN GET ALONG WITH A MURDERER, HUH, YASHIRO?
GRIN
THAT'S...

OF COURSE...
...THINGS ARE GOING TO GET A LOT LIVELIER AROUND HERE BEFORE LONG.
SWF
HA-HA. JUST KIDDING.
LEAVE THE KID. HE'LL BE FINE.
I DOUBT HE'LL BE ABLE TO EXORCISE ME NEXT TIME HE TRIES.
AND I WELCOME THE COMPANY.
KZHZH
...Have you heard?
CLICK
KZH
—ve you...

There is a rule regarding that staircase that you must never break.
OH, WITH THE RUMOR ABOUT THE FOURTH STEP?
THIS IS IT. THESE'RE THE STAIRS THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT ON THE RADIO!
IT'S TRUE, I'M TELLING YOU!
SPLASH
ばしゃ
TMP
TMP
TMP
GO CHECK IT OUT!
HUH!? BUT..
You must never set foot on the fourth step.
...WA-TER?
Why? Because...

...you will be taken to the other side.

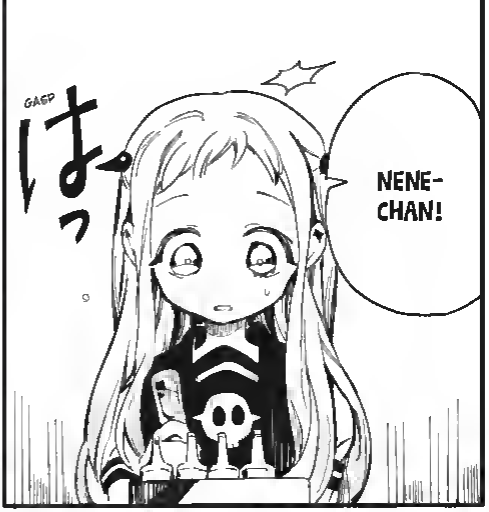

CAN'T EAT IT
THIS IS POISON.
SOUR!
NO ONE LIKES THIS LEMON ONES.


SPECTER No. 002
MOKKE
Supernaturals that have been with humans since ancient times performing small acts of theft and other mischief. They are small and timid, so when attacking, they gather together and change form.

SPOOK 4
THE MISAKI STAIRS (PART 1)

HANAKO-KUN SAID...
"SO YOU...
...CAN GET ALONG WITH A MURDERER, HUH, YASHIRO?"
...AT THE TIME, HANAKO-KUN SEEMED KIND OF...
...ANGRY?
封
...NO.
IT WASN'T LIKE THAT.
IT WAS...
-NE-CHAN!
NENE-CHAN!

I—
I'M SORRY.
ARE YOU LISTENING?


GASP
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NENE-CHAN!

OH!
MAYBE YOU HAVE A NEW CRUSH...?
SHEESH
YOU'RE ALWAYS STARING OUT INTO SPACE, NENE-CHAN...

OH! I KNOW!
NENE-CHAN, HAVE YOU HEARD THIS ONE?

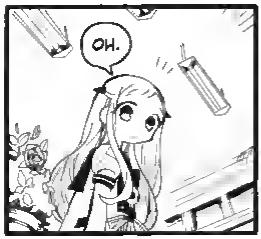
.....
HMMM... I WISH.

No. 2 OF THE SEVEN MYSTERIES— THE MISAKI STAIRS.
YOU MUST NEVER STEP ON THE FOURTH STEP OF THAT STAIRCASE.
THEY SAY THAT AT TWILIGHT THE BLOOD OF ITS VICTIMS DRIPS DOWN THE STAIRS, EVEN THOUGH NO ONE CAN SEE ITS SOURCE.
. AND YOUR BODY WILL BE TORN TO THOUSANDS, IF NOT TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PIECES.
IF YOU BREAK THAT RULE, YOU'LL BE DRAGGED TO THE WORLD OF THE DEAD...
I THOUGHT YOU LIKED THESE STORIES, NENE-CHAN...
HUH?
I DO! I LOVE THEM!
LOTS OF KIDS SAY THEY'VE SEEN THE POOLS OF BLOOOOD!
STAIRWAY B IN FRONT OF THE ART ROOM.
WH-WHICH STAIRCASE IS THIS...?
HEH HEH HEH

...LATELY, ALL OF AOI'S STORIES HAVE BEEN TRUE.
I DO, BUT...
...BUT I'LL TELL YOU AS MANY AS YOU WANT, NENE-CHAN, IF IT WILL HELP YOU FEEL BETTER.
AOI...
OKAY, GOOD!
I'M NOT EXACTLY A FAN OF SCARY STORIES...
AAAAH!
THAT'S RIGHT! I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!
OH
NENE-CHAN!
TODAY AT FOUR-THIRTY IN THE ART ROOM.
YOU, ME. ♥
GUIDANCE COUNSELING. ♥
AKANE-SAN, I THINK YOU'RE FORGETTING SOMETHING.
HEY!
PLAP
HALF
進路相談
CAREER COUNSELING SCHEDULE

..BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO LOOKING FOR SCARY STORIES FOR ME.
THANKS, AOI...
じ〜ん…
TOUCHED

I'LL FIND ANOTHER SCARY STORY FOR YOU!
SO CHEER UP, OKAY!?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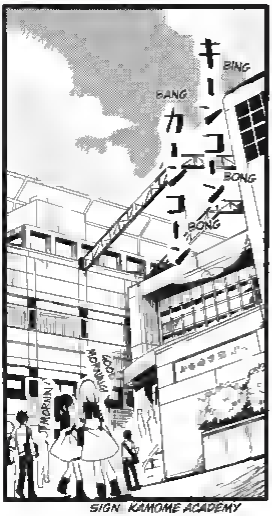
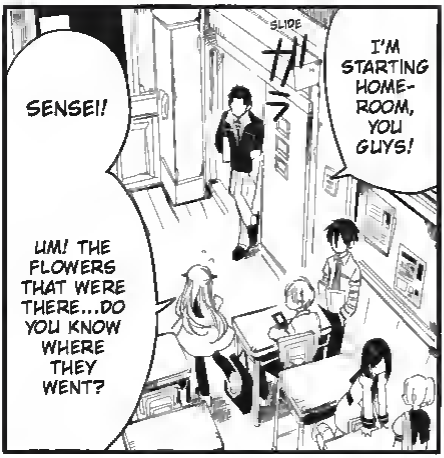

キーンコーン
カーンコーン
BING
BANG
BONG
BONG
SCHOOL
GOOD MORNING!
SIGN: KAMOME ACADEMY

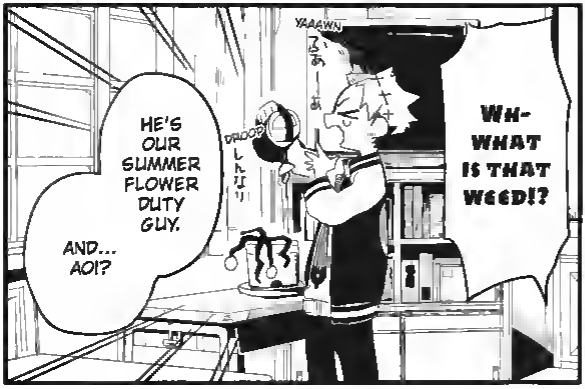
THE FLOWERS ARE BLOOMING ...
AOI WILL BE SO HAPPY. SHE WORKED REALLY HARD TO TAKE CARE OF THEM.
I'LL TELL HER ABOUT IT TOMORROW.

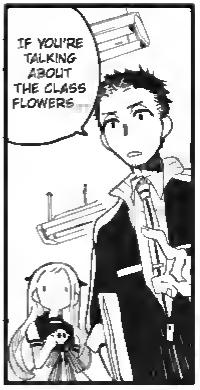
THEY'RE ...
ALL THE FLOWERS! THEY'RE GONE!
THEY'RE GONE!
ACK! DON'T TELL ME...
WH— WHY!? DID SOMEONE PUT THEM AWAY?
OH?
WANT ONE?
NO, HUH ...?
?
WHIP


SLIDE
I'M STARTING HOME-ROOM, YOU GUYS!
SENSEI!
UM! THE FLOWERS THAT WERE THERE...DO YOU KNOW WHERE THEY WENT?

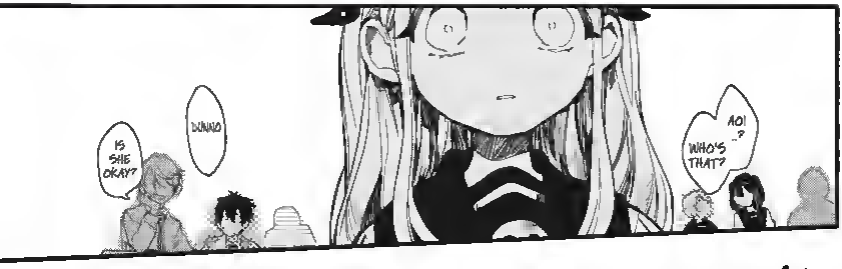
OVER THERE...
THAT'S WHERE AOI'S SEAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE...

FLOWERS?
AOI WAS ON FLOWER DUTY...


YAAAWN
ふぁーあ
DROOP
しんなり
WH-WHAT IS THAT WEED!?
HE'S OUR SUMMER FLOWER DUTY GUY.
AND... AOI?


IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE CLASS FLOWERS

THERE'S NOBODY IN OUR CLASS...
...WITH THAT NAME.

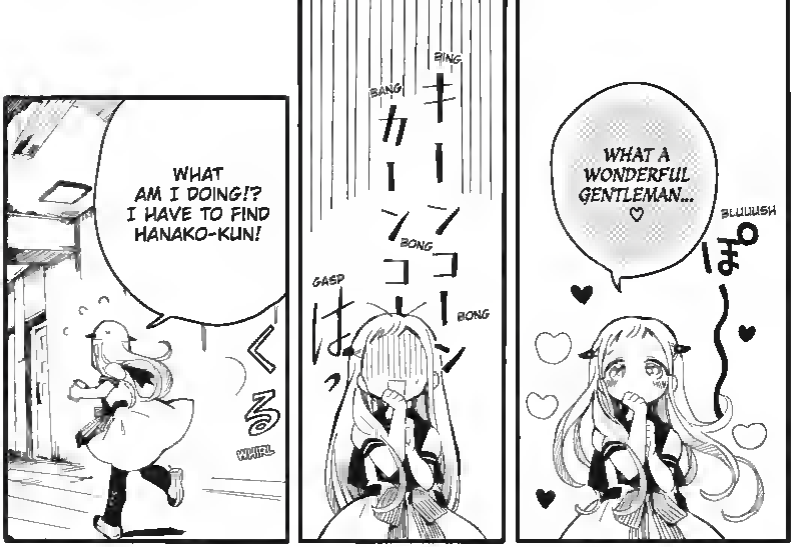

IS SHE OKAY?
DUNNO
AOI...?
WHO'S THAT?

AOI...
SENSEI TOO... WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO EVERY-ONE!?
DASH!
YASHIRO-SAN?
WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF HOMEROOM!

AKANE AOI
...!?
The number you have dialed is not in service.
Please check the number and...
ガチャ
CLICK
Yes, Akane speaking.
UM, THIS IS NENE!
I GUESS AOI ISN'T AT SCHOOL TODAY.
DOES SHE HAVE A COLD OR—
Ex-cuse me?
I KNOW. I'LL CALL HER HOUSE...
RING
RING

EVEN AOI'S MOM...
SHE'S NOT THERE!? NO WAY...
HELLO?
HELLO?
Are you sure you have the right number?
We don't have anyone by that name living here...
!!
LOTS OF KIDS SAY THEY'VE SEEN THE POOLS OF BLOOOOD!
STAIRWAY 3 IN FRONT OF THE ART ROOM.
TODAY AT FOUR-THIRTY IN THE ART ROOM.
CLATTER
I-I'M SORRY...
WHOA!
BUMP
EEK!
OH YEAH!
MAYBE HANAKO-KUN KNOWS SOMETHING

GULP
!!
ARE YOU OKAY?
NO, I'M SORRY.
TH— THANK YOU VERY MUCH...
HERE. YOU DROPPED THIS.
A—
A HOT GUY!!


WHAT A WONDERFUL GENTLEMAN... ♡
BLUUUSH
ほへ～
キーンコーン
カーンコーン
DING
BANG
BONG
BONG
GASP
はっ
WHIRL
くる
WHAT AM I DOING!? I HAVE TO FIND HANAKO-KUN!

SWOOP?
すぅ…
POOF
ぽん
GLIDE
スイ

SIGN: CLEANING IN PROGRESS

HMMM...
DON'T "HMMM" ME!
COME ON, HANAKO-KUN! YOU WERE GONE THIS MORNING AND AT LUNCH!
NOW LOOK AT WHAT TIME IT IS...
WELL, I'M A BUSY GUY
WHY DON'T YOU REPORT IT TO THE POLICE?
'COS THERE'S SOMETHING WEIRD ABOUT IT...
HER FLOWERS, HER DESK... EVERYTHING AOI OWNED IS GONE.
AND EVERYONE SAYS THEY DON'T KNOW ANY AOI.
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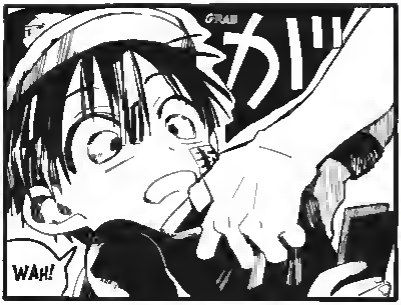
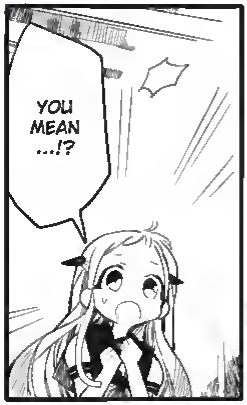
SK!!!!D
HANAKO-OOOOO!!!


GRAB
WAH!

M—
MINA-MOTO-KUN!?
THIS IS THE GIRLS' ROOM...
STOMP
STOMP

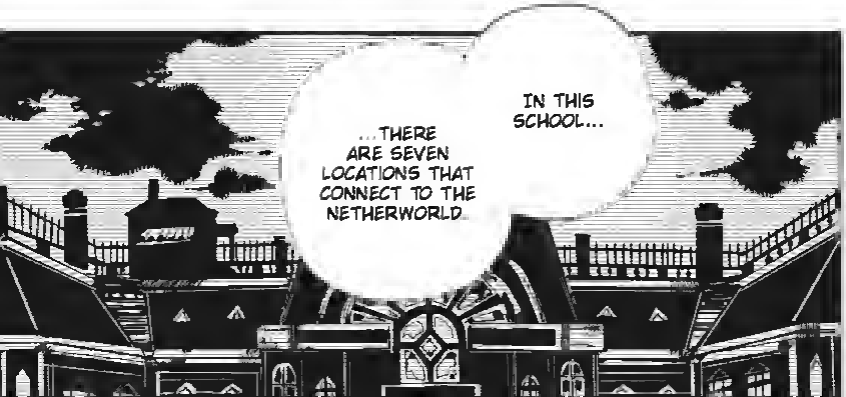
WAIT
JUST CALM DOWN...
WHOOOA
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
YOU JERK!
WHAT DID YOU DO WITH MY CLASSMATES YOKOO AND SATOU!!?


YOU MEAN ...!?

WHY DOESN'T ANYBODY REMEMBER THEM!!?

THIS IS OBVIOUSLY YOUR DOING!!
SPREADING THOSE WEIRD GHOST STORIES!
SPIN
SPIN

WHERE DID AOI GO?
I KNEW IT!
DAMN YOU...
CHAK
スチャ
FWIP
ピン
AHEM!
コホン
YOU'RE RIGHT. I DO HAVE AN IDEA OF WHAT MIGHT BE GOING ON HERE.
VANISHING STUDENTS AND RUMORS ABOUT A STAIRCASE, HM...
FIVE LIGHTS

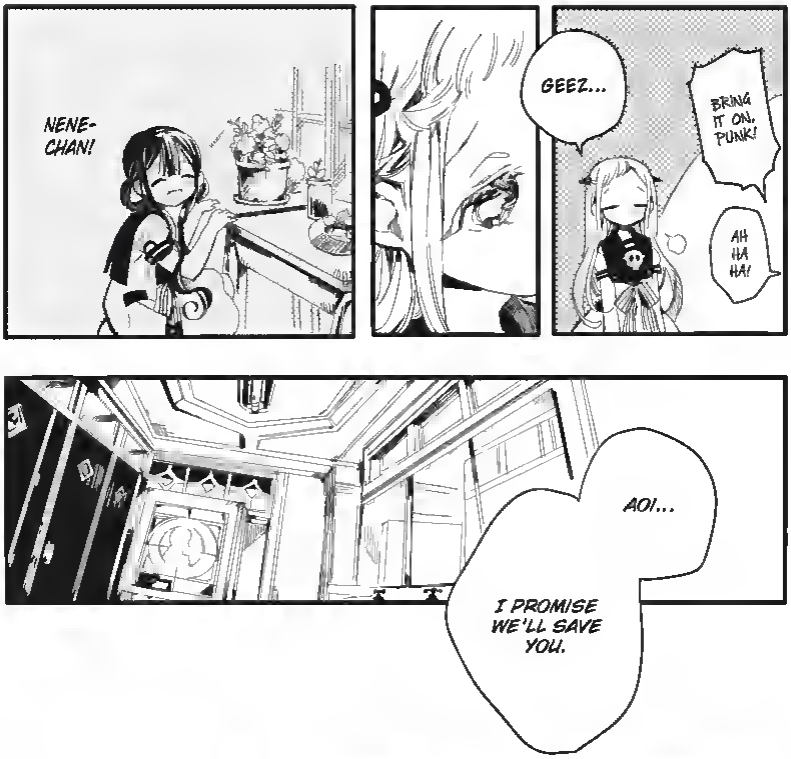

IN THIS SCHOOL...
...THERE ARE SEVEN LOCATIONS THAT CONNECT TO THE NETHERWORLD.

SIGN ART ROOM
THE MISSING STUDENTS WERE PROBABLY TAKEN TO THE NETHERWORLD.
THAT STAIRCASE IS ONE OF THEM.
美術
2F
THE NETHER-WORLD...?
封
IT'S CALLED THE BOUND-ARY.
WHEN A LIVING HUMAN BEING CROSSES IT, THEIR WHOLE EXISTENCE DISAPPEARS.
ALTHOUGH IT LOOKS LIKE THERE ARE SOME SPECIAL HUMANS WHO AREN'T AFFECTED, LIKE YOU, YASHIRO, AND THE YOUNG 'UN HERE...

MY BROTHER TOLD ME ABOUT THAT.
THE BOUNDARY...
HE SAID IT'S THE WORLD WHERE THINGS END UP WHEN THEY HAVE NOWHERE TO GO—
SPIRITS OF THE DEAD, SUPERNATURALS, AND THINGS THAT EVERYONE'S FORGOTTEN.
IT'S THE OCEAN THAT CONNECTS THE TWO SHORES...
...OF THIS WORLD AND THE NETHERWORLD.
UGH
EXACTLY. YOU'RE QUITE THE KNOWLEDGEABLE YOUNG LAD.
C—
CAN THE PEOPLE WHO GO THERE... EVER COME BACK?
TUG

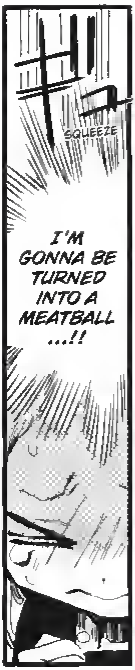
SMOOSH
むぎゅ
C'MON, DON'T MAKE THAT FACE.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
I'LL HELP THEM.
封
THERE, THERE, THERE.
HANAKO-KUN...
ぐす...
SNIFFLE
BUT OF COURSE, YOU'LL BE HELPING ME, YASHIRO.
IT'S MY DUTY TO MAINTAIN CORRECT RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN HUMANS AND SUPER-NATURALS.
PINCH
I AM No. 7 OF THE SEVEN MYSTERIES.
I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I?
SQUISH
SQUISH

HEY!!!
JUMP
WHAT WAS THAT FOR? I WAS JUST GETTING TO THE GOOD PART.
DON'T TOUCH HER, YOU FREAKING PERV!!
YOU WERE GONNA TREAD SENPAI TO THE BOUNDARY, WEREN'T YOU!?
WRIGGLE
WRIGGLE
WELL, YEAH.
I'M GOING TOO!!
I CAN'T LET YOU TAKE SENPAI TO DANGEROUS PLACE LIKE THAT ALONE...
I'LL PROTECT HER!!
JAB
DON'T BLAME ME IF YOU END UP AS A PIECE OF MEAT.
PIECE OF— YOU'RE KIDDI—
NIKU
MEAT
LIKE I'D EVER NEED YOUR HELP!!
...BUT YOU'RE NOT MY ASSISTANT, SO YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN OVER THERE.
OKAY ...



SIGN: ART ROOM

SPLISH
ピチョン
WHAT...IS THIS...?
ピチョン
SPLASH
ピチャーン
ポタ...
DRIP
.....
I-I-I'M GONNA PROTECT SENPAI, NO MATTER WHAT...
...AND I'M GONNA EXORCISE THIS JERK WHILE I'M AT IT!!
AOI...
THE VICTIMS' BLOOD AT TWILIGHT.. IS THIS WHAT SHE MEANT!?


SQUEEZE
I'M GONNA BE TURNED INTO A MEATBALL ...!!

OKAY...YOU READY?
WHAT WAS IT AGAIN? STEP ON THE FOURTH STEP?

OOONE!
UH!
READY AND!

QUIET

TMP
TWOOO!
THREEEE!
TMP

TMP
ONE

FOUR.
SPLASH
はちゃん

おまいに

THE MISAKI STAIRS.

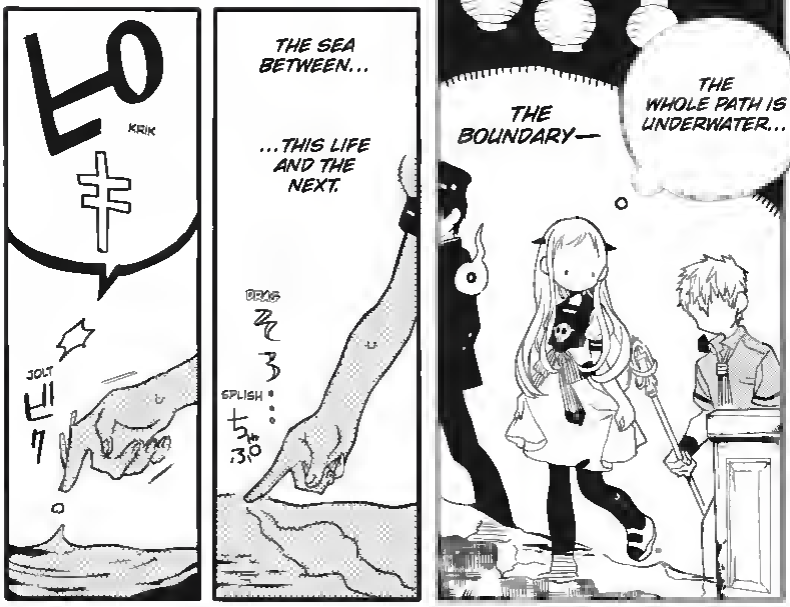
WHAT IS THIS PLACE ...?

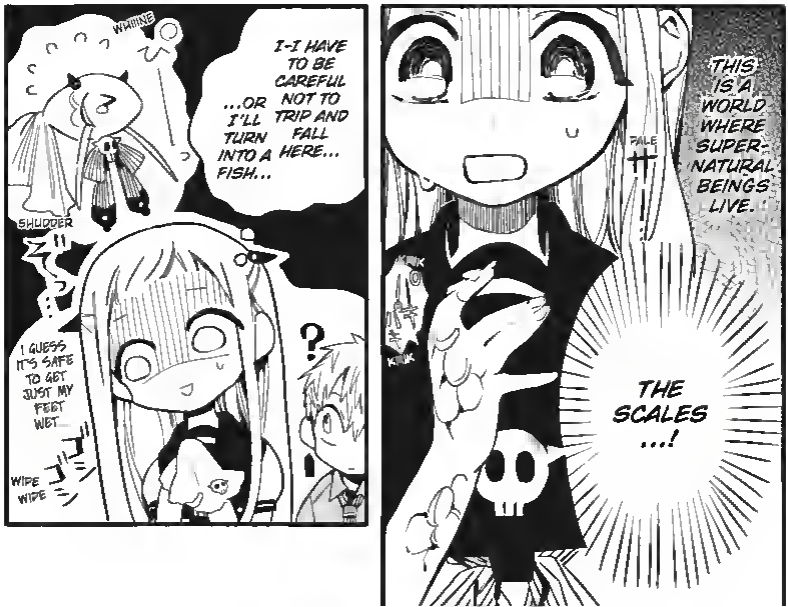
LOOKS LIKE SHE'S REALLY BEEN GOING TO TOWN!

SPOOK 5
THE MISAKI STAIRS (PART 2)
上

THEY LURE STUDENTS TO THE NETHER-WORLD AND TEAR THEIR BODIES INTO THOUSANDS, IF NOT TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PIECES...
No. 2 OF THE SEVEN MYSTERIES— THE MISAKI STAIRS.
TMP
TMP
TMP
THIS IS THE NETHER-WORLD.
THE MISSING STUDENTS SHOULD BE HERE SOMEWHERE... ALTHOUGH I CAN'T GUARANTEE THEIR WELL-BEING.
封
HERE ...?

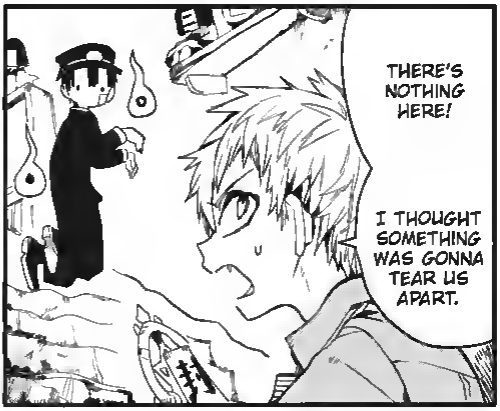
IT REALLY IS ANOTHER WORLD.
DOOOOM
!
THE WHOLE ATMOSPHERE IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE SCHOOL...
GLANCE
GLANCE
BADUM
DOLLS ...?
BADUM
WHOA!


THE WHOLE PATH IS UNDERWATER...
THE BOUNDARY—
THE SEA BETWEEN...
...THIS LIFE AND THE NEXT.
DRAG
SPLISH
KRIK
JOLT


THIS IS A WORLD WHERE SUPER-NATURAL BEINGS LIVE.
PALE
THE SCALES ...!
I-I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO TRIP AND FALL HERE...
...OR I'LL TURN INTO A FISH...
WHINE
SHUDDER
I GUESS IT'S SAFE TO GET JUST MY FEET WET...
WIPE WIPE

HEY, HANAKO!

THEY WOULDN'T DO IT RIGHT AWAY.
WHERE'S THE FUN IF YOU END IT BEFORE IT EVEN STARTS?


THERE'S NOTHING HERE!
I THOUGHT SOMETHING WAS GONNA TEAR US APART.

WELL, YEAH.
YOU'RE SICK...
...EVER SO SLOWLY... THAT'S THE FUN PART!
WHITTLING AWAY AT YOU...
INCH

WE'RE THE SEVEN MYSTERIES.
AS THE SEVEN PILLARS THAT GOVERN THE SUPER-NATURALS OF THIS SCHOOL...
...WE MUST BE KNOWN BY AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE.
THAT'S WHY WE FRIGHTEN PEOPLE.
THINK ABOUT IT— NICE CREA-TURES THAT DO HAPPY THINGS...
...OR SCARY MONSTERS THAT DO TERRIBLE THINGS...

THE SCARY ONES ARE MUUUCH MORE LIKELY TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION, AM I RIGHT?
封
MASKS: CONCEAL
...STILL, No. 2'S GONE TOO FAR THIS TIME.
WE HAVE TO PUT A STOP TO THIS NONSENSE IMMEDIATELY.

RRRING
A PH-PHONE ...?
RRRING
RRRING
JUMP
RRRING
RRRING
RRRING
RRRING
UH, SENPAI!
KACHAK
RRRING

H-HELLO?
.....
UM, WHO'S SPEAKING?

...It's...

...MISAKI.

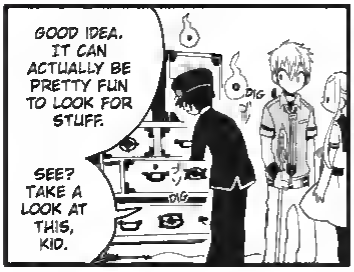
"MI-SA-KI"...?
A PHONE CALL FROM ONE OF THE SEVEN MYSTERIES...!?
I had been teaching my students...
...in the schoolhouse at the top of these stairs.
IN LIFE
小学読本

CHILL
...PLEASE LOOK FOR MY BODY?
Say, would you...
Right in the place where you are standing.
MURDER
BUT I WAS KILLED HERE, TORN TO PIECES.

First, my arm.
My right arm.
That is the arm...
...I use to hold the chalk for writing letters.
RIGHT ARM
I can't do anything as I am now...
W-WAIT! WHERE'S AOI...?
CLICK
Class will be starting soon.
Do hurry.
KRIK
CREAK
KRIK
KRIK
KRIK
SHE HUNG UP...
BOOOOP
BOOOOP
BOOOOP

...HMPH.
SO WE HAVE A TIME LIMIT?
サラサラ
SHFF
SHFF
WHIRL
KAGUNK
DUNNO?
BUT I'M SURE SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN.
DO YOU THINK WE CAN GO ON...
...IF WE PUT THE ARM THERE...?
SIGN PLACE ARM HERE
I WOULDN'T RECOMMEND THAT.
GRR
FORGET IT, SENPAI! IT WAS JUST A PRANK CALL. LET'S IGNORE IT AND KEEP GOING!
.....

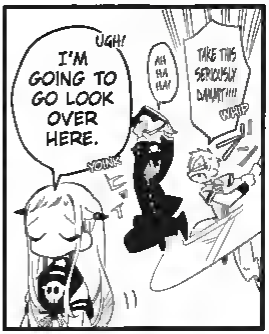
THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT COULD HAPPEN IF YOU STEP OFF THE PATH AND MAKE HER MAD...
IN MY CASE, THAT DOMAIN WOULD BE THE TOILETS.
SEE, WE SEVEN MYSTERIES ...
...EACH HAVE OUR OWN DOMAIN. AND IN THAT DOMAIN, WE'RE UNBEATABLE.
BUT OF COURSE, I WON'T STOP YOU IF YOU WANT TO FIND OUT.
GRIMACE
HEH HEH HEH


GOOD IDEA. IT CAN ACTUALLY BE PRETTY FUN TO LOOK FOR STUFF.
SEE? TAKE A LOOK AT THIS, KID.
DIG
DIG

右腕
RIGHT ARM
IF YOU SAY SO, SENPAI...
BASED ON THE VOICE FROM THE PHONE, IT WOULD BE A WOMAN'S RIGHT ARM
FOR NOW, WHY DON'T WE JUST DO WHAT SHE ASKED AND LOOK FOR THE ARM?

あは
OOH ♡ LA-LA!
SWAP
BOOBS
おっぱい
BOING
BOING
AFTER SCHOOL IN YOUR FIRST GIRLFRIEND'S ROOM
SMIRK
I FOUND SOME TREASURE
HEAVEN
天国

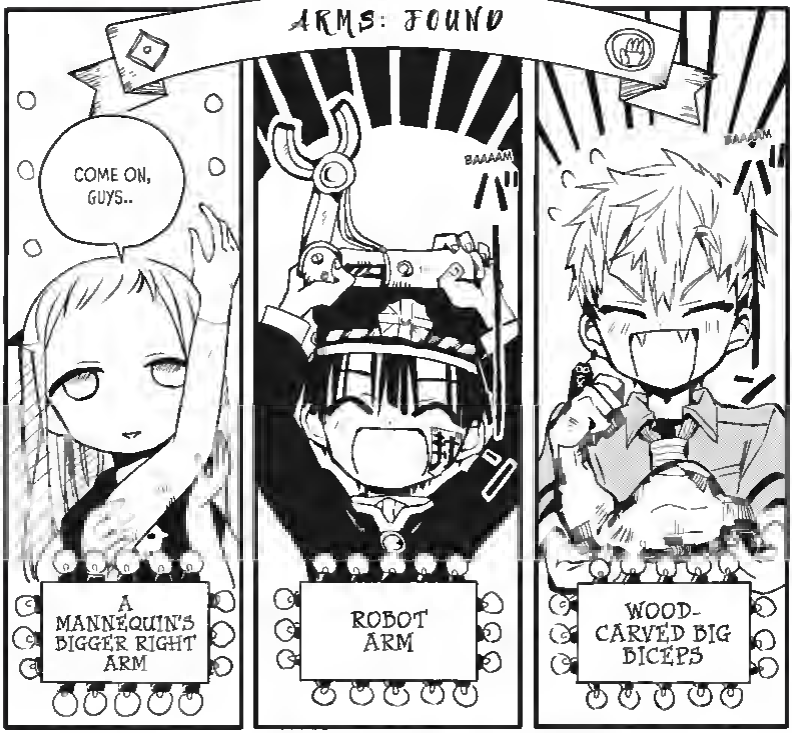
BUT YOU KNOW, I DO THINK IT'S BETTER TO HAVE SOMETHING THAN NOTHING HMM?
GLANCE
CUT IT OUT! CLOSE THAT THING!!!


UGH!
I'M GOING TO GO LOOK OVER HERE.
AH HA HAH
TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY DAMMIT!!!
SWIPE
SWIPE

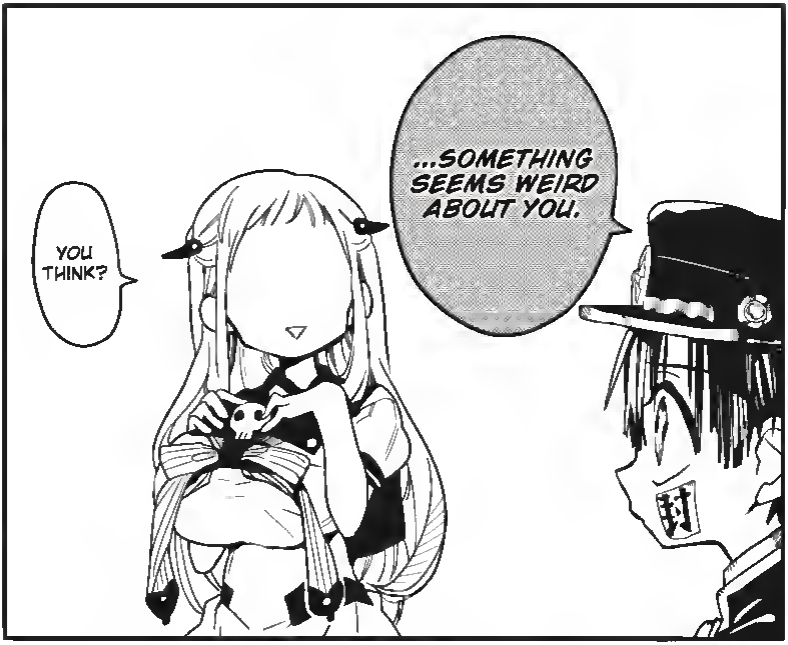
.....
STILL...

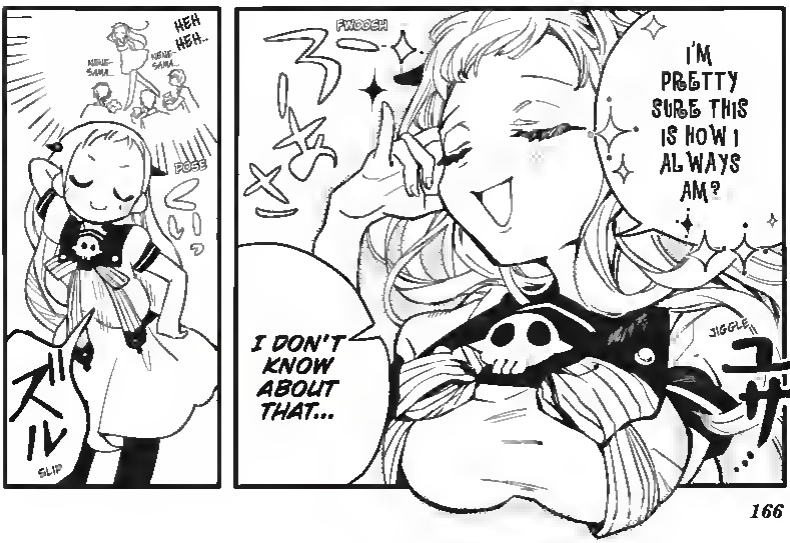
I'M A GIRL TOO, YOU KNOW... UGH, BOYS.
I'M KIND OF HUMILIATED...
POUT

MAYBE THEY REALLY DO PREFER THAT KIND OF THING...!?
IF I HAD A BODY LIKE THAT, I COULD...
I'M FINE THANK YOU...
NENE-SAMA
NENE-SAMA
BOING
ぽよん
BOING
ぽよん
BOING
ぽよん
GULP
ゴクリ
...
N-NO, STOP IT! YOU HAVE TO LOOK FOR THE ARM...
PWOOF
もわわ
SPARKLE
キラ
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
キラキラ
TH-THAT'S ...!!
HM?


ARMS: FOUND
COME ON, GUYS..
A MANNEQUIN'S BIGGER RIGHT ARM
BAAAAM
ROBOT ARM
BAAAAM
WOOD-CARVED BIG BICEPS

SFX: FIDGET FIDGET FIDGET FIDGET
UGH! ARE YOU LISTENING!?
HEY, YASHIRO
I'M NOT SURE HOW TO BRING THIS UP, BUT...
UH.
UMMM...
MINAMOTO-KUN, YOU JUST FOUND AN ARM YOU LIKED AND BROUGHT IT HERE!
AND YOU NEED TO TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY, HANAKO-KUN!
WE'RE LOOKING FOR A WOMAN'S RIGHT ARM!


...SOMETHING SEEMS WEIRD ABOUT YOU.
YOU THINK?
封


HEH HEH..
NENE-SAMA
NENE-SAMA
POSE
ズル
SLIP
FWOOSH
I'M PRETTY SURE THIS IS HOW I ALWAYS AM?
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT...
JIGGLE
ユサ

HUSH
SPLASH
ばちゃ
ゴトン
CLINK
ULTRA-PADDED BRA
BABBLE BABBLE
もどる
しどろ
OH...THAT WAS JUST... UM, WELL, YOU KNOW..
IT'S, UM...NOT WHAT YOU THINK...
WAAAAH!
YA-SHI-RO.
SEN-PAI.
SNATCH
PAT
ぽん
IT'S OKAY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING...
OKAY!?
WAAAAAAH!!!
HEE HEE!
HEE HEE!
HEE HEE!

RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
TIME'S UP!
TIME'S UP!
HEE HEE!
HEE HEE HEE HEE!
HEE HEE HEE HEE!
WH—
WHAT THE —!?
THE DOLLS ARE ...!
IT'S TIME FOR CLASS.

LOOK!
THE HOURGLASS HAS RUN OUT!
AH!
CLASS?
NO...
ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS PUT IT ON THE...

IF YOU WANNA PIECE, COME AND GET IT!
I'LL TAKE YOU ALL DOWN!
SWIP
WHICH ONE OF YOU IS RUNNING LATE?
HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE!
HEE HEE!
ZWWW
ZWW

SNIP
GET DOWN !!!
EEK!

BADUM
SCOOCH
.....
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM

WAAAAUGH!
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
STOMP
STOMP
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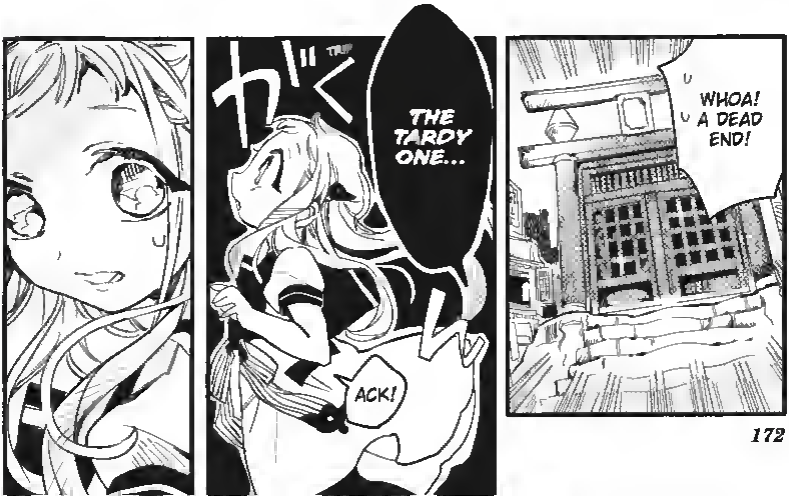
THE TARDY ONE...
ACK!
WHOA! A DEAD END!

...IS YOU.
EEK...
YASHIRO!!

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BONUS MANGA

TEACH ME, HANAKO-KUN
— IDEALS ARC —
GOOD IDEA
KOKU KOKU
YOU WANT US TO GET CLOSER TO OUR IDEAL FIGURES?
HUH?
THEN I'D BE LIKE THIS
GRR
GAHR!
MONSTER
HANAKO
YASHIRO WOULD BE LIKE THIS
MY LEGS ARE FAT
THE BOYS WOULD LOVE ME!
AND THE YOUNG LAD WOULD BE LIKE THIS, I SUSPECT
I PUNCH WITH MY BARE FISTS !!
I LOOK TOUGH !!
WHICH WOULD CHANGE THE WHOLE STYLE OF THE SERIES

NENEFISH
NENEGYO
AND WHEN YASHIRO CHANGES BACK FROM BEING A FISH
...SHE'LL BE LIKE THIS!!!
SHOCK
WAAAAAAAAAH!!!!
EEEEEEEEEEEEEEK!!!!
NO? AWWW!
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
BUT WE CAN INCORPORATE JUST THAT LAST ONE, RIGHT?
HUH?
YOU THINK WE SHOULD KEEP THINGS THE WAY THEY ARE?

NEXT VOLUME
TOILET-BOUND HANAKO-KUN, VOLUME 2

The terror of the Misaki Stairs approaches Hanako-kun and his companions. Can Nene save her best friend?

And a change occurs in the relationship between Hanako-kun and Nene ...?

HMMM.
IS THERE SOME SPECIAL REASON ..?
HOW DID YOU BECOME HANAKO-SAN EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE A BOY?
I SUCCUMBED TO LUST!
BAM
YOU'RE THE WORST !!!

SPECIAL THANKS

AOI-SAN
RINGO-CHAN
EKE-CHAN
RUI-CHAN
OMAYU-TAN
REYU-CHAN
MY EDITOR
IMANITY
COVER DESIGN
YONEDA-SAMA

AND YOU

TRANSLATION NOTES

Common Honorifics
no honorific: Indicates familiarity or closeness, if used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would constitute an insult.
-san: The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the fail-safe honorific.
-sama: Conveys great respect, may also indicate that the social status of the speaker is lower than that of the addressee.
-kun: Used most often when referring to boys, this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing.
-chan: An affectionate honorific indicating familiarity used mostly in reference to girls, also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.
-senpai: A suffix used to address upperclassmen or more experienced coworkers.
-sensei: A respectful term for teachers, artists, or high-level professionals.

Page 7
Hanako-san of the Toilet is a famous school ghost story all over Japan. According to legend, this ghost can be summoned by knocking on the door of her bathroom stall, just as Nene did. However, as the -ko ending to the name implies, the general stories of Hanako are about a little girl (which would also be why she is usually found in the girls' toilet). The famous image of Hanako wears a red skirt and has her hair cut in a bob. It may also be worth noting that this Hanako has a sticker on his face with the Chinese character for "seal" as in "to seal or lock away." Clearly, he hasn't been fully sealed away or he wouldn't appear at all, so either the sealing attempt failed, or some of his powers have been locked away.

Page 23
As the name suggests, a **charactar bantа** is a lunch (bento) made to look like characters. They can be preexisting characters or original characters. Usually these characters are cute and friendly, but of course it all depends on the tastes of the cook.

Page 89
This young man is wearing a **pratactiva charm** as an earring, of a type that can be purchased in shrines all over Japan. Shrines sell amulets for all kinds of things—to help a student do well on tests, to help a mother safely give birth to a new child, to help a single person find a significant other, etc. Based on the label, it would seem this particular amulet contains a prayer for safety in traffic. Perhaps this boy is concerned about getting safely from one place to another.

Page 99
Literally **Raitaijou** means "thunder staff." It may be a reference to Vajra, a Sanskrit word meaning "diamond" or "thunderbolt," and is also the name of a type of weapon.

Page 139
Apparently, Hanako is "busy" playing hanafuda with the mokke. **Hanafuda** is a Japanese card game where the objective is to accumulate points by collecting matching cards. "Five lights" means that the player has collected five cards in the light suit.

Page 147
Misaki is Japanese for "promontory," as in a piece of land jutting out into the ocean. In this case, these stairs are jutting out into the ocean between this life and the next. The word misaki has other meanings as well—for example, it is a name for the servants, such as foxes or crows, that appear to herald the coming of a supernatural being such as a god. It can also refer to the spirit of someone who died an unnatural death, which may be why, when someone kills themself, it is sometimes said that the misaki called to them.

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Hanako-Kun

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